



THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 2

Program: "Penguins and Ice - a Trip to the Antarctic Peninsula"

Speaker: Joe Roller

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY DECEMBER 1999

December 4, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Canceled due to inclement weather.

December 5, Saturday (WRG)

Wheatridge Greenbelt

Canceled

TUESDAY BIRDERS

December 7, Tuesday (RMP)

Red Rocks & Morrison Parks.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 5.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** foothills, shrubland & city park, riparian; elev. 5,800-6,360'. **Weather:** partly sunny to cloudy; wind NW 0-7 mph; temp. 42-48 °F. **Totals:** 26 species, 234 individuals.

December 14, Tuesday (LBP)

Lakewood - Belmar City Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 14. **Time:** 0900-1100. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** lakes, deciduous & evergreen trees, city park; elev. 5,280'. **Weather:** mostly

sunny; wind NW 10-15 mph; temp. 28 °F.
Totals: 18 species, 362 individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

CLASSES AND EXCURSIONS

"Cranes Along the Platte!" March 25-26, 2000. The Denver Zoo is organizing a trip to the South Platte River in Nebraska, to view Sandhill Cranes and other migrating waterfowl. Featured are visits to NAS Rowe Sanctuary and the Funk Lagoon Waterfowl Production Area. For information and fees, call Francesca Giongo, Adult Programs, Denver Zoo. 303-376-4888.

"Birds and Berries: Landscaping and Habitat Creation for Songbirds" Classes held At DBG, Tuesdays (Feb. 1, 8, 15), 6:30- 9:30 P.M. Fee. Instructor: Tina Jones 303-794-2647. For registration, call Denver Botanic Gardens 303-370-8019 or 8020.

Upper Texas Coast Trip, Short: April 12-16. See page 3 for details on this popular trip led by Bob Righter.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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FINAL NOTICE - 2000 DUES

All unpaid memberships will be terminated
January 31, 2000.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

Upper Texas Coast Trip, Short: April 12-16.

There are few places in the world where northern migration can be as keenly experienced as one can on the Upper Texas Coast. Although this trip is two days shorter than the usual DFO trip to this area our enjoyment will be no less. Limit to 8 birders, all expenses shared, approximate land expenses \$400. Please call Bob Righter, 303-692-8529 for more details and to add your name to the hat for the drawing.

Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica 2/25/00-3/10/00. This trip is currently full.

Birding in SE Arizona? DFO members are invited to contact Dieter Kamm (4250 Busby Dr. #312, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, 520-452-8811) for local birding information or to join him for a birding trip in the area.

Special thanks to Jackie King, one of our field trip schedulers, for revising the trip leader instruction sheet, and maintaining the files for future updates. Thanks also to David Laliberte (Field Trip Compilation Editor) for the revision of the DFO Field Trip Report Form, so that it follows the current AOU species order. Please note that a number of species have been relocated on the form. ***Trip leaders should use only the new revised form*** to maintain consistency for David. Thank you, leaders, for your assistance in using the new forms, and for leading our trips!

-Karleen Schofield, Scheduler Coordinator

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

DFO WEB SITE HAS MOVED

Please note the new address of the DFO web site:

www.geocities.com/dfobirders

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DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS				
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 12/31/99				
	GENERAL	RESERVE	ENDOWMENT	MEMORIAL
	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND
BALANCE, 1/1/99	\$9,979.62	\$5,000.00	\$20,023.49	\$280.00
RECEIPTS				
1999 Membership Dues				
Received in 1998	4,980.00			
Received in 1999	5,510.00			
Total	10,490.00			
Interest	806.91		1,023.72	
Colorado Bird Report	585.00			
Book Shop	173.10			
Miscellaneous				
Al Hay Library Books			618.84	
Contributions			120.00	300.00
Matching Grant			500.00	
Memorials			280.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,055.01		2,542.56	300.00
DISBURSEMENTS				
Printing/Mailing Lark Bunting	7,263.89			
Museum Membership	150.00			
Colorado Bird Report	676.04			
Book Shop	138.78			
Liability Insurance	623.00			
Awards/Grants	513.81		1,000.00	
Miscellaneous				
Administrative	139.39		25.25	
Bird Seed	21.25			
Bird Trips	108.39			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	9,634.55		1,025.25	
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER				
DISBURSEMENTS	2,420.46		1,517.31	300.00
ADJUSTMENTS				
1999 Membership Dues Received in 1998	(4,980.00)			
2000 Membership Dues Received in 1999	4,025.00			
BALANCE, 12/31/99	\$11,445.08	\$5,000.00	\$21,540.80	\$580.00
Memberships - 12/31/99 - Paying	438			
Life	2			
Complementary	4	444		

1999 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

by Dick Schottler, Compiler

The 46th consecutive Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC), sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists with the National Audubon Society, took place on December 18, 1999 in the 15-mile diameter Count circle centered just north of the old Ken Caryl Ranch entrance. While Count day saw relatively mild temperatures and mostly clear skies, the weather story for this year's count was wind, with gusts up to 50 miles per hour reported in some areas in and near the foothills. In spite of the wind, 23,917 individual birds of 93 species were tallied by 68 field observers and 38 feeder watchers (compared with 26,747 individuals of 101 species in 1998).

For the first time since 1989, no new species were added to the cumulative Denver CBC list this year. The total species seen since 1954 remains 188. Only one species recorded on 5 or fewer of the 45 previous Denver CBC's was spotted - a Bullock's Oriole seen coming to a feeder by Duane Nelson in Area 15. Other uncommon birds seen this year included a Mockingbird spotted along the South Platte by the Kingery's group in area 7B (the first since 1984), and the three Common Redpolls seen at Tina Jones' feeder (the first since 1989). Record-high individual numbers were established for five species this year: Horned Grebe (8 seen, doubling the previous high of 4 set in 1965), Bufflehead (177, just beating the 176 seen in 1993), Common Goldeneye (293, topping the 265 seen in 1988), Red-tailed Hawk (94; previous high count of 87 was seen in 1997), and Wild Turkey (150, beating the previous record of 139 set in 1996). The 17 Northern Shrikes seen tied the record high (set in 1967 and again in 1988). House Finch numbers (963) were up significantly this year following two years of very low counts (456 in 1998, 511 in 1997) but were still well below numbers seen before 1997. Pintails continued to be seen in low numbers - the 5 reported tied the record low seen

in 1998. Lower-than-usual numbers of Common Snipe were observed; 6 is the fewest recorded since 1962. The ten most numerous species observed on the Count were: 1. Canada Goose (6846), 2. Mallard (1681), 3. Starling (1577), 4. Crow (1302), 5. Red-winged Blackbird (1036), 6. House Sparrow (997), 7. House Finch (963), 8. Dark-eyed Junco (943), 9. Rock Dove (910), and 10. Ring-billed Gull (676). The only species reported from all 24 areas was Black-billed Magpie.

Additional species observed in the Count circle during Count Week, but not seen on the 18th, included Snow Goose, Pinyon Jay, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow-rumped Warbler and Lesser Goldfinch.

As compiler of the 46th Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers who braved the windy weather and the feeder watchers for participating. It was encouraging to see an increase in the number of field observers this year (68, up from 56 in 1998) - I hope this is the start of a trend. As a result, all 24 areas in the circle were counted for the first time in 3 years. Special thanks go to the Area Leaders whose efforts make the Count a success year after year, and to Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones for their efforts in lining up the feeder watchers and compiling the results. Last but not least, a big thanks to Scott and Sandy Menough and the staff at their Wild Birds Unlimited store for again hosting our compilation meeting and providing the very welcome warm beverages and refreshments after a breezy day in the field. As always, it was an enjoyable event.

The 1999-2000 Count marks the 100th year of Christmas Bird Counts nationally - the first was held in 1900 with 27 participants in 25 areas. By comparison, in 1998 more than 48,000 people participated in 1767 counts. The Denver Count is a Denver Field Ornithologists tradition, and I hope many more members will participate in our 47th Count in December 2000.

46th ANNUAL DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Day, Date, and Time: Saturday, December 18, 1999 5:00am to 5:00pm.

Compiler: Dick Schottler **Feeder Coordinators:** Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones

Weather: Clear to partly cloudy **Temperature:** 18 to 56 deg. F **Wind:** W-NW, 0 to 50 mph

Snow Cover: 0 to 24" **Fresh Water:** Partly open **Wild Food Crop:** good

Observers: 106 (68 in 25 parties, 38 watchers at 35 feeders)

Total Party Hours: 189.5 (125 on foot, 64.5 by car)

Total Party Miles: 737.5 (83.5 on foot, 654 by car)

Hours Spent Watching Feeders: 103.5

Count Totals: 93 species; 23,917 individuals

Participants by Area (Area Leader's names in bold):

- Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Winston Brockner, **Bob Brown**, Lea Ann Brown, Dan George, David Pruitt
- Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): Robert Bierling, **Robert Spencer**, Mort Staatz
- Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): **Kathy Hawkins**, Marjorie Roberts
- Area 3. Bow Mar/Marston (BMM): **Tina Jones**, Paul Priest
- Area 4A. Lower South Platte-east (LSP): Ruth Breckon, **Ed Holub**, Verla Priest
- Area 4B. Lower South Platte-west (LSP): Ethan Carr, **Warren Finch**, Lynn Johnson, Dick Pratt
- Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Betty Oliver 5 **Harold Oliver**
- Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): **Norm Erthal**
- Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP): **Randy Lentz**, Bob Righter
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- Area 8. Chatfield Reservoir (CHA): Danny Drew, J.B. Hayes, Diana Johnston, **Joey Kellner**, Larry Modesitt, Steve Stachowiak
- Area 9. Upper South Platte (USP): Tammy Bulow, Anita Carpenter, John Carpenter, **Carolyn Cooley**, Patty Echelmeyer, Ellie Walker
- Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Judy Lane, Glen Meyers, Jr., Lynn Willcockson
- Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): **Doug Ward**
- Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): **Ann Bonnell**, Else Van Erp
- Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DHM): **David Laliberte**
- Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC): Mark Gonzalez, **Dick Schottler**
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- Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UBC): **Dave Quesenberry**
- Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): Doris Cruze, Mary Hafner, **Norm Lewis**
- Area 18. Garrison Gate (GGT): **Chuck Aid**
- Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): **Jackie King**
- Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): **Bob Frager**, Judy Miller, Frank Rathman
- Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): Jane Haddock, **Karleen Schofield**

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE 12/99

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	TUES.B.		TOT.
	7	14	
	RMP	LBP	
Canada Goose		150	150
Mallard	4	50	54
Northern Shoveler		20	20
Canvasback		1	1
Redhead		1	1
Ring-necked Duck		8	8
Lesser Scaup		1	1
Common Goldeneye		2	2
American Kestrel		1	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1		1
Golden Eagle	1		1
American Kestrel	2		2
Ring-billed Gull		50	50
Rock Dove	12	4	16
Belted Kingfisher		1	1
Northern Flicker	14	2	16
Northern Shrike	2		2
Steller's Jay	7		7
Western Scrub Jay	15		15
Black-billed Magpie	14	26	40
American Crow	4	4	8
Common Raven	7		7
Black-capped Chickadee	18		18
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		1
Canyon Wren	2		2
American Dipper	2		2
Townsend's Solitaire	8		8
American Robin	30		30
European Starling	30	20	50
Spotted Towhee	2		2
American Tree Sparrow	3		3
Song Sparrow	4		4
Dark-eyed Junco	40		40
Red-winged Blackbird		6	6
House Finch	4		4
American Goldfinch	3		3
House Sparrow	4	15	19
individuals	234	362	596
species	26	18	37

DFO CBC SUMMARY TABLE - DECEMBER 1999

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT												COUNT	
	YPK	DHM	NTC	HL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWB	WCK	MLW	FEEDERS		TOTALS	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	PLNS	FHLS		
Common Loon													1	
Pied-billed Grebe													28	
Horned Grebe													8	
Eared Grebe													3	
Western Grebe													8	
Great Blue Heron													17	
Snow Goose (white)													C.W.	
Canada Goose								80	470	350	442	28	6846	
Wood Duck											35		48	
Gadwall									3				145	
American Wigeon											36		157	
Mallard					50			15	197		159		1681	
Northern Shoveler								25	7		4		253	
Northern Pintail													5	
Green-winged Teal													103	
Canvasback													8	
Redhead													69	
Ring-necked Duck											24		70	
Lesser Scaup									1				21	
Bufflehead									2		1		177	
Common Goldeneye								20	4				293	
Hooded Merganser													77	
Common Merganser													622	
Red-breasted Merganser													16	
Ruddy Duck													12	
Bald Eagle	1			1		1			2				24	
adult	(1)			(1)		(1)			(1)				(20)	
imm.									(1)				(4)	
Northern Harrier										1			11	
Sharp-shinned Hawk											1		2	
Cooper's Hawk													1	
Northern Goshawk												1	1	
accipiter sp.													1	
Red-tailed Hawk	1		2			2	1	6	6	2	3	3	93	
"Harlan's" race													1	
Ferruginous Hawk													7	
Rough-legged Hawk						1				1			5	
buteo sp.													1	
Golden Eagle										1			4	
American Kestrel	1					1		7	3	1	1	3	48	
Merlin													2	
Prairie Falcon													4	
Blue Grouse			1										1	
Wild Turkey		150											150	
Virginia Rail													15	
American Coot													379	
Killdeer													16	
Common Snipe						1							6	
Ring-billed Gull								25	23				676	
California Gull													7	

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	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	PLNS	FHLS	TOTALS
Herring Gull													12
Rock Dove			12	16	1	7		35	22	9	78	101	910
Mourning Dove													8
Great Horned Owl												4	14
Belted Kingfisher													43
Downy Woodpecker		1	2	3				1	1	2	9	22	76
Hairy Woodpecker	2		3	3			1				3	11	25
Northern Flicker	1			2	4	6	1	8	1	3	45	13	245
Northern Shrike	1		1	1							1		17
Stellar's Jay	32	26	8	12	12		9	2		1	16	44	178
Blue Jay						1			3		38	3	58
Western Scrub-Jay	11	2		4	20	6	5	40		8	19	54	205
Black-billed Magpie	10	4	11	8	20	11	3	27	26	12	45	14	624
American Crow	2	50	42	42	2	115		28	136	44	88	240	1302
Common Raven	6	1	15	8		3	2	1		1	2	2	67
Horned Lark								35					73
Black-capped Chickadee	15	6	9	16	25	3	21	18		13	102	35	641
Mountain Chickadee	28	36	71	30	6	6	26	1		5	9	46	292
Bushitit					20								20
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4	15	3	2		1	5			1	4	10	60
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	1	7	4	2		6			1	1	11	44
Pygmy Nuthatch	10	31	30	27			19			5	1	35	168
Brown Creeper	1	1	3	3		1	2	1					30
Canyon Wren				1									4
Marsh Wren													4
American Dipper					3								14
Golden-crowned Kinglet		3		1						5			10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet													2
Townsend's Solitaire	15	1	2	6	6	1	2	1		3		1	50
American Robin	96	1	5	18		5	14			8	24	3	391
No. Mockingbird													1
Brown Thrasher								1					1
European Starling	31	2	31	13	100	8		75	42		323	66	1577
Cedar Waxwing													C.W.
Red-shouldered Hawk													C.W.
Spotted Towhee					1						2	1	14
American Tree Sparrow												2	166
Song Sparrow	1			2		4				1		2	156
White-crowned Sparrow											25		53
Dark-eyed Junco	57	25	22	35	51	25	5	75		6	170	212	943
Slate-colored	(3)		(1)	(6)	(1)	(10)		(10)			(58)	(36)	(168)
White-winged Junco	(1)		(1)									(1)	(4)
Oregon/Pink-sided	(12)		(2)	(21)		(10)		(45)		(3)	(52)	(113)	(416)
Gray-headed	(35)	(18)	(18)	(8)	(50)	(50)	(5)			(3)	(40)	(62)	(291)
race?	(6)	(7)						(20)			(20)		(64)
Red-winged Blackbird				2		14		2	24		232	300	1036
Western Meadowlark													27
Bullock's Oriole				1									1
Cassin's Finch												7	7
House Finch		5	3	12	2	30		21	13	7	341	86	963

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	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	PLNS	FIHS		
Red Crossbill				2										2
Common Redpoll														3
Pine Siskin			1			1	11				27	28		77
American Goldfinch	21			15		20		10	1		40	5		174
Evening Grosbeak												8		9
House Sparrow				11		3		13		4	368	41		997
	23	19	22	30	17	26	17	27	21	26	36	34		93
	349	361	284	301	325	277	133	573	987	495	2719	1442		23917

DECEMBER 1999 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units								
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT	
	ALL FIELD TRIPS	167	25,109	26	117	200.5	664.0	87.5
	DFO CBC	93	23,917	24	68	189.5	654.0	83.5
TUESDAY BIRDERS	37	596	2	49	5.5	5.0	2.0	
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 5 UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 2 RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 3								
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)								
Northern Mockingbird, Bullock's Oriole, Common Redpoll								

December Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Red-throated Loon	12/12		1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Pacific Loon	12/5	12/6	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Pacific Loon	12/18		1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	m.ob.
Pacific Loon	12/23		1j	pond W of Dahlia, E of S. Platte	Adams	Tony Leukering
Yellow-billed Loon	12/18		1j	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	m.ob.
Red-necked Grebe	12/18		1	Valmont Reservoir	Boulder	John Vanderpoel et al.
Eared Grebe	12/18		219	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering et al.
Long-tailed Duck	12/23		1i	pond W of Dahlia, E of S. Platte	Adams	Tony Leukering
Barrow's Goldeneye	12/11		1am	Union Reservoir	Weld	Joey Kellner
Pomarine Jaeger	12/1	12/6	1 dark-morph j	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Doug Faulkner, Tony Leukering, Rich Levad
Little Gull	12/18		1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Doug Faulkner et al.
Thayer's Gull	12/18		1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Brandon Percival
Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/4		1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Doug Faulkner, Tony Leukering
Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/11	12/26	1 Basic II	Horseshoe Reservoir, Lake Loveland (both Larimer) and Windsor Reservoir (Weld)	Weld	Tony Leukering et al.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/12	12/24	1 Basic III	Loveland Reservoir and Lake Loveland	Larimer	Tony Leukering, Nick Komar
Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/12		1 Basic IV	Horseshoe Reservoir	Larimer	Tony Leukering
Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/18		1a, 1 Basic I	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering et al.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/29		1 adult	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones
Great Black-backed Gull	12/18		1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	m.ob.
Great Black-backed Gull	12/23	12/24	1 Basic I	Lake Loveland	Larimer	Tony Leukering
Barn Owl	12/19		1m	near Florence	Fremont	Sue Bonfield, Tony Leukering
Williamson's Sapsucker	12/19		1im	Florence Mtn. Park	Fremont	Sue Bonfield, Tony Leukering
Williamson's Sapsucker	12/20		1f	Penrose	Fremont	Rosie Watts
Chihuahuan Raven	12/21		2 ph	Penrose	Fremont	Tony Leukering
Eastern Towhee	12/10	12/21	1m	Penrose	Fremont	Jim Watts, m.ob.
Mountain White-crowned Sparrow	12/18		1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering et al.
Chestnut-collared Longspur	12/20		9	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Doug Faulkner
Great-tailed Grackle	12/13	12/24	up to 80	near Barr Lake SP	Adams	Tony Leukering
Bullock's Oriole	11/27	12/4	1am	Brighton	Adams	Margaret Faiver, Tony Leukering, Doug Faulkner
Common Redpoll	12/18		3 females	4400 Bow Mar Drive	Littleton	Tina Jones

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter)

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

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PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

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Colorado Rare Bird Alert – 303-424-2144**DFO Home Page: www.geocities.com/dfobirders****FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JANUARY 2000****January 2, Sunday (CHA)****Chatfield State Park****Leader:** Ira Sanders. **Observers:** Marilyn Brenengen, Tammy Ellsworth, Amy Young.**Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 23.4 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** frozen & open lake, woods, open prairie, open river; elev. 5,900'.**Weather:** clear to cloudy; wind SSE, 0-12 mph; temp. 17-29 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 2,134 Individuals.**January 8, Saturday (BDC)****Big Dry Creek Open Space****Leader:** Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Sandy Arnesen, Tore Arnesen, Dan Brachear, Jim Duggan, Beverlee Guild, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Ken Lamkin, Susie Seeds, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0900-1400.**Distance:** 0 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.**Habitat:** creek/riparian, prairie, ponds and marshes, some woodland. **Weather:** clear to partly cloudy; wind NW, 0-10 mph; temp. 35-50 °F. **Totals:** 26 Species, 1,643 Individuals.**January 9, Sunday (BOU)****Boulder area – Valmont Reservoirs****Leader:** Bob Jickling. **Observers:** Ashi, Alan Bell, Inger Bell, Maggie Boswell, Carol Cushman, Ivan Getting, Loch Kilpatrick, Elease Miller, Jeff Moline, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Myron Plooster, Dick Pratt, Wesley Sears, Debra Sparr, David Waltman, Margaret Winter, Amy Young, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0900-1245. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** reservoirs; elev. 5,400'. **Weather:** clear; wind WNW, 0-30 mph; temp. 32-39 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 430 Individuals.**January 15, Saturday (CAC)****Castlewood Canyon, Castle Pines****Leader:** Gail Evans. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Marilyn Brenengen, Marge Burgess, Carolyn Cooley, Sharon Hines, Judy Holmes, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Jean Macgwire, Bridget Milnes, Phyllis Palmer, Sam Palmer, Mona Reed, Lynn Solomon, Bob Wing, Ru Wing, Amy Young. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 50.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** oak brush, pine, grassland, riparian; elev. 6,500'. **Weather:** mostly sunny; wind S, 3 mph; temp. 50-65 °F. **Totals:** 27 Species, 294 Individuals.

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January 16, Sunday (NEC)

*Northeast Colorado- Jackson Lake State Park,
Lochbuie, Lower Latham Reservoir*

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Peggy

Gonder, Richard Mendez, Dave O'Reilly, Chris Owens, Helen Standish. **Time:** 0800-1700.

Distance: 197.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Habitats: riparian & plains; elev. 5,280'.

Weather: partly cloudy; wind SW, 0-10 mph;

temp. 23-46 °F. **Totals:** 45 Species, 10,711

Individuals.

January 22, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Bob and Lea Ann Brown. **Observers:**

Mary Bill Bauer (KY), Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Beverlee Guild, Sig Nelson, Buzz Shauberg, Karleen Schofield, Eric Zorawowicz.

Time: 0800-1230. **Distance:** 17.0 miles by car,

4.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** urban fringe, riparian, partially open water; elev. 5,350'.

Weather: scattered high clouds; wind calm;

temp. 30-45 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 311

Individuals.

January 23, Sunday (PLA)

Power lines starting at Platteville

Leader: Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Marg Burgess, Tina Jones. **Time:** 0900-1630.

Distance: 153.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Habitats: riparian & ponds - high plains; elev.

4,900'. **Weather:** clear; temp. 30-45 °F. **Totals:**

38 Species, 13,895 Individuals.

January 29, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Canceled

January 30, Sunday (SPR)

South Platte River trail - 88th Avenue to 78th Avenue

Leader: Diana and Don Mullineaux. **Observers:**

Marilyn Brenengen, Tamie Bulow, Diane Carter,

Jeff Carter, Tom Casadevall, Don Cook, Patty

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Pearl Jordan, Loch Kilpatrick, Gary Mathews,

Judy Miller, Toni Rautus, Mona Reed, Ellie

Walker, Chuck Walters, Eric Zorawowicz.

Time: 0900-1300. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3.0

miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, riverine; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** sunny; wind calm, 0 mph; temp. 20-30 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 791 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

January 4, Tuesday – No Trip Scheduled

January 11, Tuesday (CAR)

Chatfield Arboretum.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian; cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper & open fields; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** partly cloudy; wind NW 0-50 mph; temp. 30-48 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 460 Individuals.

January 18, Tuesday (SPP)

South Platte Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5,200'. **Weather:** overcast; wind calm; temp. 46-54 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 1303 Individuals.

January 25, Tuesday (HSG)

**Hudson Gardens & South Platte Bicycle Path
South From Riverfront.**

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** gravel pits, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, russian olive, gardens; elev. 5,700'. **Weather:** overcast; wind calm; temp. 34 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 534 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

CLASSES AND EXCURSIONS

DFO Northeast Maritime trip: 24 August - 2 September. The trip will focus on fall migration in and around the Bay of Fundy, traveling up its east coast along the "French Coast" of western Nova Scotia and finally spending 4 nights on Grand Manan Island, one of Audubon's favorite birding haunts. No less than 13 boat/ferry trips

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"Cranes Along the Platte!" March 25-26, 2000. The Denver Zoo is organizing a trip to the South Platte River in Nebraska, to view sandhill cranes and other migrating waterfowl. Featured are visits to NAS Rowe Sanctuary and the Funk Lagoon Waterfowl Production Area. For information and fees, call Francesca Giongo, Adult Programs, Denver Zoo. 303-376-4888.

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DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Here are the results of the Denver Urban Christmas Bird count. The total number of individual birds exceeds our previous high count by 11,723--all of them Canada Geese, I suppose, since they equaled over half the total birds. The 83 species equals our previous high count less one. Sixty observers and 27 feeders participated.

Most abundant species on the 12th Urban Denver count (it really IS an URBAN count):

Rank	Species % of average (11 counts)	# of birds
1	Canada Goose 215%	24,394
2	Starling 101%	5,334
3	House Sparrow 115%	2,256
4	Mallard 92%	2,074
5	House Finch 99%	1,649
6	Rock Dove 81%	1,586
7	Red-wg. Blackbrd 345%	1,448
8	Shoveler 108%	1,267
9	Ring-billed Gull 94%	1,172
10	Crow 230%	1,006

We recorded three birds new to the count. Observers at both Cherry Creek Reservoir and South Platte (north) each found a Mew Gull and the latter group discovered a Red-shouldered Hawk. The detailed descriptions seem convincing. It seems surprising that we haven't previously recorded the third new bird--Ruddy Duck--found by the South Platte (north) bunch.

We now have recorded 121 species on this count, and found 53 on all 12 counts. We missed one

species--Rough-legged Hawk--that we have seen on all the previous counts.

I always like to review the lists to see how the various groups produce the whole thing. Two or more groups saw all but 14 species recorded on the count. The two groups on the river saw the most species not seen by other groups--all of them water birds (from White Pelican to American Dipper). Aurora recorded the only Mourning Doves and the Arsenal had the only Screech-owl and Long-eared Owls. Feeders attracted the only Spotted Towhees, and surprisingly, only Cherry Creek Reservoir found Townsend's Solitaires. All the groups recorded nine species, all in the most numerous top ten except robin and flicker. Somehow, the Zoo group didn't see any House Finches, and North of Hampden didn't find any Black-capped Chickadees.

Thanks to all for the fine turnout and excellent reports.

Hugh Kingery, Count Leader

Participants in the Urban count

<u>Area</u>	<u>Participants by Area</u>
(SPS)	South Platte River South: Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Doris Cruze, Harriet Patton.
(SPN)	South Platte River North: Tony Leukering, Warren Finch, Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer.
(COM)	Commerce City: Jackie King, David Laliberte, Dave O'Reilly.
(RMA)	Rocky Mountain Arsenal: Todd Dilley, Dianna Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Bill Eeds, Becky Bower, Urling Kingery, Hugh Kingery, Larry Wilson, Roni Wilson, Karen Von Saltza, Yvonne Nelson, Mindy Hetrick.
(AUR)	Aurora: Randy Lentz, Buzz Schaumberg, Bert Philippus, Ann Thomas.
(CCR)	Cherry Creek Reservoir: Ursula Barsch, Tamie Bulow, Patty Echelmeyer, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, J. B. Hayes, Tina Jones, Diana Mullineaux.
(CCW)	Cherry Creek Walk: Paul Slingsby, Bea Slingsby, Gail Evans, Bob Righter, Ron Carter.
(FRM)	Fairmont: Ann Bonnell, Polly Reetz, ElseVan Erp, Tuesday Birders.
(NHN)	North/Hampden: Walter Hackney.
(SHN)	South/Hampden: Tom Himborg, Jennie Himborg, Lynn Willcockson.
(ZOO)	Zoo: Brad Parks, Mary Patterson.
(PKH)	Park Hill: Karleen Schofield, Jo Patton, Kathleen Stewart.
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DFO CBC SUMMARY TABLE - 1/1/2000

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SPECIES LOCATION	DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT														
	SPS	SPN	COM	RMA	AUR	CCR	CCW	FRM	NHN	SHN	ZOO	PKH	CDN	FDR	
Pied-bld Grebe		3		1											4
White Pelican	1														1
Blk-cr Cormorant		1									1	[1]			2
Great Blue Heron	2	3													5
Bl-cr Night Heron	10	2										1	1		14
White-fr. Goose								3							3
Snow Goose				1				3						1	5
Canada Goose	1807	500	1326	4805	1500	4000	706	3553	85	1161	475	3340	318	818	24394
Wood Duck										6	20				26
Gadwall	258	375		1	5	10					2		6		657
Am. Wigeon	15	425		47	150			85		1	6	8			737
Mallard	198	180	12	57	250	108	69	85	100	74	856	50	16	19	2074
Shoveler	457	750		2	3	8		6	3		16	22			1267
Pintail		42		4							5				51
Grn-wg Teal	31	65		14	80	30		4						0	224
Carversback		10		2											12
Redhead		25		46											71
Ring-neck Duck	26	150		293						1		1			471
Lesser Scaup		12													12
Bufflehead	2	50		4											56
Com. Goldeneye	89	30		26	3	15		9			8	15	10		205
Bar. Goldeneye	2														2
Flooded Merganser	5	19				7		3		3					37
Com. Merganser	2	15		19		90		7			1	18			152
Ruddy Duck		3													3
Duck (sp.)				150							1				151
Northern Harrier		2	1	4	4	3									14
Bald Eagle		1	2	44	5	2		1				1			56
Adult			[1]	[21]	[4]	[2]		[1]							[29]
Immature		[1]	[1]	[20]	[1]							[1]			[24]
Sharp-shin Hawk						2		1	1	1		3		4	12
Cooper's Hawk	1									1					2
Red-shld. Hawk		1													1
Red-tailed Hawk		3	9	19	10	6	1	3					1	3	55
Ferruginous Hawk			2	5	5										12
Buteo sp.						1									1
Am. Kestrel	3	6	3	7	9	2	5	5	2	2				1	45
Merlin		1	1										1		3
Prairie Falcon				3	1										4
R-N Pheasant				9		3									12
Virginia Rail				1		5									6
Am. Coot		45		14		18				1					78
Killdeer	2	13	1		7										23
Com. Snipe				1	2		1	2							6
Mew Gull		1				1									2
Ring-billed Gull	132	325	5	23	115	115	96	122	37		58	135		9	1172
California Gull		3				3		2							8
Herring Gull	2	4				3		1							10
Thayer's Gull		1													1
Gull sp.													2		2
Rock Dove	175	40	542	3	62	42	159	138	16	17	143	78	47	124	1586
Mourning Dove					14										14

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SPECIES LOCATION	DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT														
	SPS	SPN	COM	RMA	AUR	CCR	CCW	FRM	NHN	SHN	ZOO	PKII	CDN	FDR	
E. Screech-owl				1											1
Great Horned Owl				8										1	9
Long-eared Owl				3											3
Belt. Kingfisher	1	6	1		4	2	8	1	3				2	3	31
Down. Woodpecker	1	2	1	9	3	3		1	3	2			1	10	36
Hairy Woodpecker				1											1
N. Flicker	3	5	10	24	22	10	20	18	19	8	3	8	2	34	186
N. Shrike		1	1	2	1	1									6
Blue Jay			4	1	7			1	4	3				17	37
Maggie	8	30	115	192	25	60	49	193	18	18	70	55	8	76	917
Crow	119	9	40	6	84	35	77	86	232	31	40	85	6	156	1006
Horned Lark			30	62		4				9				0	105
Bl-cap Chickadee	1	8	2	12	5	3	27	7	13		6	18	3	59	164
Red-br Nuthatch								1						3	4
Brown Creeper								4	2		1	2			9
Winter Wren										1					1
Marsh Wren						1				1					2
Am. Dipper	1														1
Golden-cr Kinglet								3				2			5
Towns. Solitaire						2									2
Am. Robin	8	3	5	2	27	14	22	15	3	21	1	112	22	47	302
Starling	68	2000	664	256	460	125	292	216	34	161	619	130	1	308	5334
Cedar Waxwing							11							15	26
Spotted Towhee														2	2
Am. Tree Sparrow		40	16	176	26	19							1		278
Song Sparrow	1	7	6	22	11	2		3		2	2				56
White-cr. Sparrow		27	23	59	17			9							135
Dark-eyed Junco				58	x	x		20			16			13	107
White-winged		1													1
Slate-colored		3		7	7				7				9	18	51
Oregon		25		12	25	21		6	4	6				17	116
Pink-sided			4	33	20	40	40		11			1		9	158
Gray-headed							1							2	3
Red-wg. Blackbrd		40	48	749	325	200		4		2				80	1448
W. Meadowlark			19	31	15	1									66
Brewers Blackbrd		35			2										37
Common Grackle				1	4										5
House Finch	3	48	303	227	185	18	182	54	104	21		55	12	437	1649
Pine Siskin		1													1
Am. Goldfinch		10	2		8	2	6	6						27	61
House Sparrow	46	9	605	39	20	7	47	60	107	17	139	267	9	884	2256
# INDIVIDUALS	3480	5416	3803	7598	3528	5044	1819	4741	808	1571	2489	4407	478	3197	48379
# SPECIES	33	55	31	54	41	42	19	39	20	26	23	24	21	32	83

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE JANUARY 2000

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS			TOTAL
	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	30	11	18	25	
	CHA	BDC	BOU	CAC	NEC	CCR	PLA	SPR	CAR	SPP	HSG	
Pied-billed Grebe			16					1		4	2	23
Horned Grebe			7									7
Red-necked Grebe			1									1
Western Grebe			11									11
Clark's Grebe			1									1
Double-cr. Cormorant			4		1							5
Great Blue Heron	2		3		2					1	2	10
Turkey Vulture				1								1
Snow Goose "White morph"					3 (3)		19 (19)					22 (22)
Canada Goose	1494	1200	60	35	4700	90	8900	200	180	850	250	17959
Wood Duck					1							1
Gadwall	6				20	11		30		32	3	102
American Wigeon							4	10		2		16
Mallard	16	35	85			15	950	8	2	22	35	1168
Northern Shoveler						6	14	100		5		125
Northern Pintail					2		1	50			5	58
Green-winged Teal						25	4	50			25	104
Canvasback			4									4
Redhead	2		20				75			10		107
Ring-necked Duck								1		8		9
Lesser Scaup								3				3
Bufflehead							3	1		33	26	63
Common Goldeneye	4		8			3	4	60		30	17	126
Barrow's Goldeneye								3				3
Hooded Merganser			6			2		5		2		15
Common Merganser	380		35		2	12	15	2		9		455
Red-br. Merganser			1									1
Bald Eagle	2a,1i	2a,1i	4		18	3	25	1		1	1	59
Northern Harrier	1m	1af	2		12	2	4	2	1m,1f			26
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	1							2
Cooper's Hawk					1							1
Red-tailed Hawk	10	13	1	8	24	8	14	2	2	8	5	95
western races		(11)	(1)									(12)
"Harlan's" race		(1)										(1)
"Krieger's" race		(1)										(1)
dark phase									(1)			(1)
Rufous morph									(1)			(1)
Ferruginous Hawk	1	2			3		3					9
Rough-legged Hawk					1		1		1			3
buteo sp.					5							5
Golden Eagle			2	1	1		2					6
American Kestrel	1	1f			42	2	19	4	2			71

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS			TOTAL
	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	30	11	18	25	
	CHA	BDC	BOU	CAC	NEC	CCR	PLA	SPR	CAR	SPP	HSG	
Merlin					1							1
Prairie Falcon	1				1			1				3
Ring-necked Pheasant					1							1
Virginia Rail						1,3h						4
American Coot			100			15	5	8		7		135
Killdeer	1						1	2			3	7
Ring-billed Gull	27	2	14	2	1500	20	132	100		8	5	1810
California Gull	2											2
Herring Gull	6		1			1		1				9
Glaucous Gull						1						1
Rock Dove	1	30	8	24	245	8	1	10	10	3	16	356
Mourning Dove		6									45	51
Great Horned Owl					4				1			5
Belted Kingfisher	1	3	1		1	2		1		1m,1f	5	16
Downy Woodpecker	2			1	2	1		1	1	1	1	10
"Rocky Mountain" race	(1)											(1)
Hairy Woodpecker					2							2
"Rocky Mountain" race					(2)							(2)
Northern Flicker	6	9		2	17	7	3		3	5	4	56
"Red-shafted" race	(6)			(2)	(17)	(7)						(32)
Northern Shrike	1	1										2
Stellar's Jay				2								2
Blue Jay					4		2				3	9
Western Scrub-Jay				22								22
Black-billed Magpie	24	30		18	37	8	22	4	8	30	12	193
American Crow	4	1	6	15	36	3	10	2	11	7	2	97
Common Raven	4		2	2					2			10
Horned Lark					190	9	450					649
Black-capped Chickadee	19	2	5	13	3	4	10		9	12	10	87
Mountain Chickadee				6								6
White-breasted Nuthatch				3								3
Brown Creeper	1											1
Marsh Wren									1			1
American Dipper	1											1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1		1
Townsend's Solitaire				2								2
Hermit Thrush		1										1
American Robin		4			250	2					2	258
Brown Thrasher					1							1
European Starling	1	125	20	60	645	10	2900	10	12	35	12	3830
Cedar Waxwing										20		20
Yellow-rumped Warbler										1		1
"Myrtle" race										(1)		(1)

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS			TOTAL
	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	30	11	18	25	
	CHA	BDC	BOU	CAC	NEC	CCR	PLA	SPR	CAR	SPP	HSG	
Spotted Towhee				1								1
American Tree Sparrow		4		8	6	15	40		23			96
Fox Sparrow					1							1
Song Sparrow	3	10	2			6	1	8	7	1	5	43
White-crowned Sparrow				2	39		20			3	1	65
"Gambel's" race				(2)								(2)
Dark-eyed Junco	1	2		18	8		10	2	21		10	72
"Slate-colored" race				(5)					(3)			(8)
"Oregon" race		(2)							(6)			(8)
"Pink-sided" race									(5)			(5)
"Gray-headed" race				(6)								(6)
Red-winged Blackbird		100			2700	6	31	100	80	120	1	3138
Western Meadowlark		20			51	1	22	8				102
House Finch	108	28		23	18		20		30	28	23	278
Pine Siskin				8								8
American Goldfinch				14	4		8		8			34
House Sparrow		10		2	105	9	150		44	2	3	325
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2134	1643	430	294	10711	311	13895	791	460	1303	534	32506
TOTAL SPECIES	32	26	29	27	45	32	38	34	23	33	30	87

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JANUARY 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	SUMMARY DATA						
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	87	32,506	11	188	55.25	440.4	28.0
DFO FIELD TRIPS	83	30,209	8	94	46.25	440.4	19.5
TUESDAY BIRDERS	48	2297	3	94	9.00	0.0	8.5
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 15 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 1 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 5							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							
Red-necked Grebe, Turkey Vulture, Hermit Thrush, Brown Thrasher, Fox Sparrow							

January Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Pacific Loon	1/1	-31	1 to 2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Common Loon	1/1	-31	up to 10	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Yellow-billed Loon	1/1	-31	1i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Clark's Grebe	1/1	-31	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Double-crested Cormorant	1/1	-15	up to 2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Double-crested Cormorant	1/17		1	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1/4	-7	1i	Arkansas River in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Forrest Luke, m.ob.
Trumpeter Swan	1/11		1	Boulder Valley Pond	Boulder	Bob Spencer, Warren Finch
Greater White-fronted Goose	1/9	-22	5	Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Ross's Goose	1/20		1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Karleen Schofield
Eurasian Wigeon	1/1	-28	1m	Arkansas River in Pueblo & Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Greater Scaup	1/1	-22	1m	Vineland Fire Department Ponds	Pueblo	Mark Janos, Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Greater Scaup	1/2		8	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Greater Scaup	1/3	-19	up to 10m, 8f	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones, J.B. Hayes, Chris Wood
Oldsquaw	1/1	-31	1f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Oldsquaw	1/13		1m flyover	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/1	-31	1m, 1f	Valco Ponds/Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.obs.
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/3	-25	1m	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones, J.B. Hayes
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/23		1m, 1f	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Red-breasted Merganser	1/3	-25	3m, 3f	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones
Northern Goshawk	1/2		1a	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
Northern Goshawk	1/30		1a	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Jim Newell
Red-shouldered Hawk	1/3		1i	Riverside Cemetery	Adams	Karleen Schofield
Red-shouldered Hawk	1/28		1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Merlin	1/8		1m	Pueblo Reservoir State Park	Pueblo	Karleen Schofield
Merlin	1/15		1f	Lochbuie	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Merlin	1/25		1	Quebec St at Orchard Rd	Arapahoe	Lea Ann Brown
Sora	1/21		1h	Fort Lyon Marsh	Bent	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Sandhill Crane	1/3	-16	1	Penrose	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley, m.ob.
Franklin's Gull	1/30		1a	Lochbuie	Weld	Karleen Schofield, Tony Leukering
Little Gull	1/1	-25	1a bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Bonaparte's Gull	1/1	-28	110+	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Mew Gull	1/30		1 1st bas	Lochbuie	Weld	Karleen Schofield, Tony
Thayer's Gull	1/1	-31	5-1st bas, 1a bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Keilner, Chris Wood, m.ob.
Thayer's Gull	1/6		1-2nd winter	Prospect Pond WRGB	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Thayer's Gull	1/7		1a	Tabor Pond WRGB	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Thayer's Gull	1/17		1a bas	Thurston Reservoir	Prowers	Mark Janos, Brandon Percival

Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/1	- 16	1-4th bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/11	- 25	1a bas	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones, Chris Wood, J.B. Hayes, Joey Kellner
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/17		1-1st bas	Thurston Reservoir	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/17		1-1st bas	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/19		1-1st bas	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/19	- 23	1a bas	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Chris Wood, Mark Janos, Brandon Percival
Glaucous Gull	1/19	- 23	up to 2-1st bas	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Glaucous Gull	1/22	- 23	1a bas	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Ric Olson, Dave Quesenberry, Mark Janos, Brandon Percival
Glaucous Gull	1/22		1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Glaucous Gull	1/25	- 26	1-1st bas	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones, Karleen Schofield
Great Black-backed Gull	1/1	- 31	1a bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Great Black-backed Gull	1/8		1-1st bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Mark Janos, Tony Leukering, Chris Wood, Doug Faulkner
Great Black-backed Gull	1/17		1a	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black-legged Kittiwake	1/19	- 22	1 juv.	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, Dave Quesenberry
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1/19	- 23	up to 2	Rocky Ford	Otero	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1/21		12	Springfield	Baca	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival
Mourning Dove	1/1	- 31	up to 37	4430 Gladiola	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Barred Owl	1/20		2 seen	private property in	Baca	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1/17	- 21	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Mark Janos, Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1/1	- 31	1lf	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Chihuahuan Raven	1/20	- 21	6	Along Rd. M	Baca	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival
Juniper Titmouse	1/21		1	Springfield Cemetery	Baca	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival
Winter Wren	1/1		1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	George Ambrust, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1/1		1	Pueblo Nature Center	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Hermit Thrush	1/2		1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Todd Dille
Varied Thrush	1/9	- 15	1f	Jackson Reservoir State Park	Morgan	Jim Norton, m.ob.
Northern Mockingbird	1/26		1	Dowdy Draw	Boulder	Bob Spencer, Warren Finch
Curve-billed Thrasher	1/18	- 26	2 or 3	Pueblo West	Pueblo	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Curve-billed Thrasher	1/19		1	near Thurston Reservoir	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Curve-billed Thrasher	1/20		1	below Two Buttes Reservoir dam	Baca	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival
Curve-billed Thrasher	1/22		1	near the Pueblo Nature Center	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford, Steve Sheridan
Curve-billed Thrasher	1/25		1	Penrose	Fremont	Brandon Percival

Common Yellowthroat	1/2	- 19	1m	Valco Ponds in Rocky Ford	Otero	Van Truan, Stan Oswald, Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Eastern Towhee	1/1	- 31	1m	Penrose	Fremont	Rosie & Jim Watts, m.ob.
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1/3	- 22	up to 3	Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley, m.ob.
Field Sparrow	1/1		1	Arkansas River in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Lincoln's Sparrow	1/1		1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Swamp Sparrow	1/1		1	Olive Marsh in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Swamp Sparrow	1/2		1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Todd Dilley
Swamp Sparrow	1/21		2	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
White-throated Sparrow	1/2		2	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Todd Dilley
White-throated Sparrow	1/20		3	below Two Buttes Reservoir dam	Baca	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival
White-throated Sparrow	1/22		3i	Jackson Lake SP	Morgan	Bob Spencer
Harris Sparrow	1/7		1a	14155 W. 54th Ave	Jefferson	Bob Spencer, Diana & Dave Mullineaux
Harris Sparrow	1/15		1i	Rd 45 south of Rd 44	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Harris Sparrow	1/22		1i	Jackson Lake SP	Morgan	Bob Spencer, Warren Finch
McCown's Longspur	1/20		10	n. of Walsh	Baca	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival
Lapland Longspur	1/15		1	Rd 52 east of Riverside Reservoir	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Snow Bunting	1/8		1	Pueblo Reservoir State Park	Pueblo	Karleen Schofield, B.B. Hahn
Lesser Goldfinch	1/14		2f	Tunnel Drive, Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson

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Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the first of the following month for inclusion in the next months Lark Bunting.

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT													
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC
	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11
Common Loon											1			
Pied-billed Grebe		1		13		5	1				8			
Horned Grebe				8										
Eared Grebe											3			
Western Grebe						1					7			
Great Blue Heron		2		1		10				3	1			
Snow Goose (white)				C.W.										
Canada Goose	2	516	160	1210	1675	1000	10		66	95	575	6	161	
Wood Duck					13									
Gadwall				2	41	80				1	17	1		
American Wigeon		4			45	62	6		4					
Mallard		133	80	112	180	615	10	12	52	25	36	4	1	
Northern Shoveler				27	140	50								
Northern Pintail					1	4								
Green-winged Teal		5	6	6	4	50	15	4	11	2				
Canvasback				8										
Redhead				69										
Ring-necked Duck				1	4	35	6							
Lesser Scaup			10	6	3	1								
Bufflehead				43	60	70					1			
Common Goldeneye		17	25	53	42	75	14		12	12	19			
Hooded Merganser		12		16	8	40				1				
Common Merganser			19	181		150				32	240			
Red-breasted Merganser				16										
Ruddy Duck				12										
Bald Eagle				5		5			1	4	3		1	
adult				(4)		(4)			(1)	(4)	(2)		(1)	
immat.				(1)		(1)					(1)			
Northern Harrier						2				6	1	1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk													1	
Cooper's Hawk				1										
Northern Goshawk														
accipiter sp.												1		
Red-tailed Hawk		1	10	3	1	11	3	1	5	10	7	11	4	
"Harlan's" race		1												
Ferruginous Hawk			1				6							
Rough-legged Hawk				1	1	1								
buteo sp.							1							
Golden Eagle	1						2							
American Kestrel	2	1	3	1	1	3	4	3	1	1	2	7	2	
Merlin					1	1								
Prairie Falcon							2			2				
Blue Grouse														
Wild Turkey														
Virginia Rail		1							2	12				
American Coot		2		88	165	105					19			
Killdeer					1	13		1			1			
Common Snipe								2	1	2				
Ring-billed Gull		67	42	97	125	30	26		10	6	225			
California Gull				2							5			

DFO CBC SUMMARY TABLE - DECEMBER 1999

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT													
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC
	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11
Herring Gull				7		1					4			
Rock Dove	18	24	51	27	250	90	90	4	4	22	6	40	3	
Mourning Dove						8								
Great Horned Owl	1					2	1		1		3		2	
Belted Kingfisher		7			5	9		2	3	6	7	3	1	
Downy Woodpecker	5	1	1	2	5	1	1	2	3	6	2	1		5
Hairy Woodpecker														2
Northern Flicker	14	17	3	11	11	25	1	8	10	36	8	10	6	1
Northern Shrike					1	5		2		1			3	1
Stellar's Jay													1	15
Blue Jay			1	4		3	3	2						
Western Scrub-Jay	18											2	16	
Black-billed Magpie	15	34	45	29	55	95	15	24	25	38	26	21	8	3
American Crow	3	30	1	4	11	10	61	8	23	145	110	7	40	60
Common Raven	2		4				3	3	2	3		1	1	7
Horned Lark			4							30	4			
Black-capped Chickadee	16	18	10	12	25	20	2	35	27	130	37	16	20	10
Mountain Chickadee													3	25
Bushtit														
Red-breasted Nuthatch														15
White-breasted Nuthatch					2			2	1				2	2
Pygmy Nuthatch														10
Brown Creeper		2			2			5			1	1		7
Canyon Wren	2													1
Marsh Wren								4						
American Dipper	2	1							3	4		1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet														1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1			1										
Townsend's Solitaire	8						1			1			2	
American Robin	8	111	1	12	45	25				9	2	1		3
No. Mockingbird										1				
Brown Thrasher														
European Starling	6	54	52	75	150	200	170	12	32	83	12	10	30	
Cedar Waxwing				C.W.										
Red-rumped Warbler				C.W.										
Spotted Towhee	5							1	2	1		1		
American Tree Sparrow	3		6	1	5		2	44	15	52	28		8	
Song Sparrow	5	5	2		4	20		23	22	36	14	11	4	
White-crowned Sparrow					12	10					6			
Dark-eyed Junco	50	28	26	18	16	15	11	3	18	11	2	20	21	21
Slate-colored	(4)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(1)		(2)	(1)	(8)			(9)	(1)	(10)
White-winged Junco									(1)					
Oregon/Pink-sided	(14)	(26)	(24)	(14)	(15)	(15)	(90)	(2)	(4)	(5)	(2)	(7)	(20)	(1)
Gray-headed	(32)			(1)								(4)		(10)
race-?									(5)	(6)				
Red-winged Blackbird		6		27		90	137	6	70	66			60	
Western Meadowlark						1	12			14				
Bullock's Oriole														
Cassin's Finch														
House Finch	19	63	80	17	30	75	8	2		27	94	19	9	

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Red Crossbill														
Common Redpoll				3										
Pine Siskin										9				
American Goldfinch		1	4	7	2	10		8		11	6		12	1
Evening Grosbeak														1
House Sparrow		76	3	54	100	275	22					2	25	
	23	30	27	44	39	47	30	27	28	40	38	24	28	20
	206	1241	650	2293	3242	3409	646	223	426	956	1543	198	447	191

Editor's note: The first eleven areas of the DFO Christmas Bird Count were inadvertently left out of the January Lark Bunting and are included above.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

MARCH FIELD TRIPS

March 4, Saturday

Pueblo Area (PUE)

Leader: Dave Silverman, (719) 489-3565

Meet leader in Pueblo at 0900 in the K-Mart parking lot at US Hwy. 50 West & Elizabeth. From I-25, exit at US 50 West (exit 101) and go one block west.

Easy trails, two to three miles of walking. Full day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass required. For carpool, call Karleen Schofield, 303 936-8661.

March 5, Sunday

Red Rocks Park & Area (RRP)

Leader: Norm Erthal, (303) 424-6747

Meet leader at 0900 at the Trading Post inside the park. Bring lunch. Approximately two miles of walking on easy trails. Bring lunch. Trip may continue into early afternoon.

March 11, Saturday

Georgetown & W. Chicago Creek (GEO)

Leader: Bob Frager, (303) 795-2614

Meet leader at 0800 at the Park-n-Ride at the southeast corner of W. 6th Ave. and Union Blvd. We will look for rosy finches and other foothill and mountain birds. Bring lunch. Trip will continue into early afternoon.

March 12, Sunday

Cherry Creek Reservoir/State Park (CCR)

Leader: Dave Quesenberry, (303) 796-7603

Meet at 0800 at west entrance of park. State Parks Pass needed. Half day trip, lunch optional.

March 18, Saturday

Canon City Riverwalk (CRW)

Leader: David Pantle, (719) 275-8208

Meet leader at 0900 at his home, 1826 Flora Ct. in Canon City. Bird the Riverwalk area in the morning (two miles on an easy trail). Bring lunch to eat at leader's home. In the afternoon drive south of the city to look for Roadrunner and Rufous-crowned Sparrow. This is a two hour drive from Denver in good weather. For carpool information from Denver or directions to David's home contact Lynn Willcockson, (303) 757-7000.

March 19, Sunday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leader: Dick Schottler, (303) 278-8035

Meet leader at 0700 at park entrance. Take I-76 to Bromley Lane, then east to Picadilly Rd. and go south to the park entrance. State Park pass necessary. Half day trip, lunch optional. Plan on 3-4 miles of walking on easy trails.

March 24-26, Friday - Sunday

Kearney, NE - Sandhill Crane Trip (KEA)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

An opportunity to see the spectacular gathering of Sandhill Cranes along the N. Platte River. Meet leader Thursday evening at 1900 (7:00P.M.) at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunches for all three days. Make your reservations at the Fort Kearney Inn, (303) 234-2541. Mention DFO to secure the group rate of \$36.95 single and \$39.95 double. The Inn offers breakfast for \$1.99 starting at 0630. Plan to eat dinners at nearby restaurants. Friday morning we will go into the blinds at the Rowe Sanctuary. This fee is \$15.00. **Call leader by March 15 if you plan to go as she must make reservations for the blind.** Nebraska State Parks Pass required.

March 25, Saturday

Northeast Colorado (NEC)

Leader: Joey Kellner, (303) 978-1748

Meet at 0600 at the Division of Wildlife at 6060 Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th and go west to Broadway, then north two blocks to DOW. Full day trip, bring lunch. Will need to carpool as much as possible.

March 26, Sunday

Chatfield Reservoir/State Park

(CHA)

Leaders: Bob and Lea Ann Brown, (303) 791-6204

Meet leaders at 0730 at west gate off Wadsworth Blvd. Entrance is approximately 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. State Park pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

March trips compiled by Lynn Willcockson.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$25.00

_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ Telephone _____

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THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 5

Program: "Birding in Attu"

Speaker: Norm Erthal

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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DFO Home Page: www.geocities.com/dfobirders

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2000

February 5, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Antonie Contreras, Gail Evans, Jim Fredlund, Celia Greenman, Becky Hatfield, Jennie Hemborg, Tom Hemborg, Debbie Kennedy, Loch Kilpatrick, Sig Nelson, Kathy Pickard, Dave Quesenberry, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, prairie, open water; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** partly cloudy; wind 0 mph; temp. 35-55 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 1,581 Individuals.

February 6, Sunday (VDT)

8th Annual Valentine's Day Trip

Leader: Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Eleese Miller, Dave Quesenberry. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 26 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, ponds, flood plain, grassland; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** sun to partly cloudy; wind N, 0-4 mph; temp. 33-62 °F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 3805 Individuals.

February 12, Saturday (FFR)

Feeder Frolic

Leader: Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Kay Alsum, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 35.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** urban & foothills feeders, riparian, streams, ponds, fields; elev. 5,000'-6,900'. **Weather:** mostly clear; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 30-48 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 588 Individuals.

February 13, Sunday (SPP)

South Platte Park, Cooley Lake

Leader: Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Julie Brunner, Dennis Downing, Lois Foreman, June Haddock, Susan Karb, Jean King, Pam Little, Mike Monahan, Phillip Monahan, Joshua O'Rourke, Mary O'Rourke, Donna Randolph, Carrie Stavropoulos, Parlos Stavropoulos. **Time:** 0930-1130. **Distance:** 0.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** streamside, open grasslands. **Weather:** clear, cool; wind SSW, 5-10 mph; temp. 45 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 616 Individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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Norm Erthal, 303-424-6747

February 19, Saturday (MFP)

*Mt. Falcon Park, Indian Hills, Lair 'o the
Bear Park, Red Rocks Park*

Leader: David Laliberte. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Bob Frager, Peggy Gonder, Sally Thompson. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 42.9 miles by car, 2.2 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Upper Sonoran/Transition zone, lower Montane, creeks; snow cover 0-3". **Weather:** clear; wind calm; temp. 17-49 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 215 Individuals.

February 20, Sunday (LMC)

Lake McConaughy, NE

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Ferd Direkx, Jo Direkx, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Jack King, Ruth King, Beth McLaughlin, Jeff McLaughlin. **Time:** 0700-1800. **Distance:** 441.0 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian & plains; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** beautiful; wind NW, 5-10 mph; 42-58 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 8,031 Individuals.

February 26, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield Reservoir

Leader: Ed Holub. **Observers:** Gail Evans, Loch Kilpatrick, Gary Matthews, Robert Wynands, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0730-1245. **Distance:** 20.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** Lakes, river, riparian; elev. 5,400'. **Weather:** sunny, clear; wind SW, 0-1 mph; temp. 28-50 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 583 Individuals.

February 27, Sunday (LON)

Longmont Area

Leader: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Gregg Goodrich, Larry Modesitt, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Chuck Walters, Jim Wesorick, Nancy Wesorick, Ru Wing, Jeff Yegin, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 35 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitats:** open water, fields, riparian; elev. 4,900'. **Weather:** sunny, clear, wind various directions, 5 mph; temp. 35-60 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 3699 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

February 1, Tuesday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 37. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, lakes, cattails & backyard feeder; elev. 5,386'. **Weather:** sunny; wind calm; temp. 29-49 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 633 Individuals.

February 8, Tuesday (SPR)

South Platte River from 88th to 74th

Leaders: Alice Kruse & Else Van Erp.
Observers: 38. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, agricultural, bicycle trail; elev. 5,200'. **Weather:** overcast; wind NW 0-7 mph; temp. 43-60 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 1204 Individuals.

February 15, Tuesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir SP

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 5.0 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, cattails, open fields; elev. 5,550'. **Weather:** clear; wind W 30-40 mph; 48-50 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 305 Individuals.

February 22, Tuesday (CPZ)

Denver City Park & Zoo

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** park, lake & Urban Zoo; elev. 5,280'. **Weather:** mostly sunny; wind NW, 0-8 mph; temp. 49-60 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 1057 Individuals.

February 29, Tuesday (WTC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, rock outcrops; elev. 5,600'. **Weather:** mostly sunny; wind SW 0-7 mph; temp. 40-52 °F. **Totals:** 24 Species, 93 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Denver Zoo is having "International Migratory Bird Festival" in early May. The zoo is seeking volunteers who would be willing to lead birdwalks (6:30 A.M.-9:00 A.M.) on the zoo grounds on Tuesday, May 9th or Thursday, May 11th. If you are interested, call John Azua, Curator of Birds, Denver Zoological Gardens, at 303-376-4914.

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

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CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

REQUEST FOR OLD DFO MINUTES

Historian Warren Finch would like to obtain minutes for old DFO meetings. If you have minutes or know where some are please contact Warren at 303 233-3372, 455 Dover St., Lakewood, CO 80226.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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SUMMARY OF 1999 DFO FIELD ACTIVITY

Thanks to all participating DFO leaders and observers for a past year full of fun trips and interesting bird sightings. Through your efforts, DFO continues as one of the most active clubs in the country. Patty Echelmeyer, Jackie King and Lynn Willcockson again did an exceptional job of organizing volunteers to lead over 100 field trips for members and guests. Hugh Kingery and Dick Schottler continued to shoulder the responsibilities for organizing New Year's Day, spring, fall and December counts.

The data accumulated from these field activities is of importance in evaluating the number and diversity of migrating species, when and where they pass through Colorado, what habitats they prefer, and whether nesting species return to old sites or settle in new areas. By nature of our Denver location, the majority of the field trip data reflects bird activity in the eastern half of the state. Colorado birders are, however, an enthusiastic and adventurous lot, exploring all corners of the state, spotting the unexpected in both popular and seldom-birded sites. These "wow!" species find their way to the "Additional Reports" section of The Lark Bunting. All this information is compiled by our newsletter editors each month, sent to members and then filed at the Denver Museum of Natural History. The library there has copies of The Lark Bunting accessible to researchers, other birders, and the general public.

The following is a compilation of birding activity documented in the 1999 and January 2000 issues of The Lark Bunting and includes information on the DFO field trips and May, September, and December counts as well as brief comments on "Additional Reports" species, Tuesday Birder outings and the January 1 urban count.

110 DFO field trips were scheduled in 1999; 5 were cancelled because of adverse weather conditions - these 105 trips resulted in 115 days

afield. Add 40 count trips for a total of 145 club outings. The New Year's Day urban count had 13 trips. Many DFO members help with this Audubon count. (See February 1999 newsletter for report.)

Club members and guests birded 1155.7 hours, drove 8570.45 miles while birding, and walked 375.25 miles to find the birds seen or heard on these field trips. 305 species were identified on the club trips; an additional 65 species were submitted to the newsletter's "Additional Reports" resulting in a total of 370 species reported to the newsletter.

59 members served as leaders throughout the year. Jackie King, David Laliberte and Karleen Schofield led 9-10 trips in '99. Leading 5-8 trips were Bob and Lea Ann Brown, Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, Brandon Percival, Norm Lewis, Joey Kellner, Warren Finch and Bob Spencer. Bob Brown and Dick Schottler set the annual record of 12 miles walked on a 1-day trip - both May counts. That adds real meaning to the admonition "go the extra mile"!

242 members participated in one or more field trips/counts. Guests numbered an amazing 162, including 28 December count feeder watchers, for a total of 404 individuals involved in 1999 field activities, a huge volunteer contribution of time and talent! One of our members, Ann Bonnel, is the primary leader for the Tuesday Birders, who submit their field data to Lark Bunting. Out of 50 field trips last year, Ann led 43!

All members are encouraged to participate in club field activities, both as leaders and observers. It's a great way to share your passion for birding with others, hone your birding skills, and make new friends.

Good birding in 2000!
Karleen Schofield, Coordinator for Field Trip
Schedulers

DATA PAST THREE YEARS.

Number Of:	1997	1998	1999
Trips/counts	158	140	145
Trips/counts species	309	278	305
"additional" species	90	101	65
Total species	399	379	370
Hours birded	975	826	1155.1
Miles driven	9944	5602	8570.45
Miles walked	258	255	375.25
Members participating	292		242
Guests	139		162
Total participants	431		404
Leaders	74	55	59

FEBRUARY 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units SPECIES INDIVIDUALS FIELD TRIPS OBSERVERS HOURS MILES by CAR MILES on FOOT						
ALL FIELD TRIPS	87	22410	13	241	71.75	613.90	25.20
DFO FIELD TRIPS	79	19118	8	71	55.75	608.90	12.45
TUESDAY BIRDERS	64	3292	5	170	16.00	5.00	12.75
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 9 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 2 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 2							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details) Red-shouldered Hawk, Lesser Black-backed Gull							

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE FEBRUARY 2000

TABLE 1 of 2

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	5 CCR	6 VDT	12 FFR	13 SPP	19 MFP	20 LMC	26 CHA	27 LON	1 WGB	8 SPR	15 CCR	22 CPZ	29 WTC	
Pied-billed Grebe		13		2		2			1	1				19
Horned Grebe	2											4		2
Double-cr. Cormorant														4
Great Blue Heron		5		1										6
Bk.-cr. Night-Heron												2a, 1i		3
Snow Goose						2100								2100
Canada Goose	750	1320	185	375		2855	250	2520	185	420	25	170		9055
Wood Duck			20						2m, 2f					24
Gadwall	3	110	6	12		4	25	20	8	165				353
American Wigeon	1	43	5	2		5		1	7	62		3		129
Mallard	12	263	62	10	27	12	7	250	110	28	12	105	4	902
Northern Shoveler	1	237	8			2		7	55	135		10		455
Northern Pintail		12		2				26		60				100
Green-winged Teal	61	16		2		10	2	6	3	85				185
Canvasback		8						5	1			1		15
Redhead	25	49		21			30	85				5		215
Ring-necked Duck	1	41	40				1	75		4				162
Lesser Scaup		31	1f	2				7	2	4				47
Long-tailed Duck						3								3
Bufflehead		25	6	25		12	15	8						91
Common Goldeneye	36	102	4	15		1000	25	69	14	65	24	6		1360
Barrow's Goldeneye						11				1m, 2f				14
Hooded Merganser		4										1f		5
Common Merganser	175	8		4		30	18	12			4			251
Red-br. Merganser	6	1				3								10
Ruddy Duck												3		3
Bald Eagle	3	3a, 4i		3		39		10			4			66
Northern Harrier	5	1m				6		2		1				15
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1								1
Cooper's Hawk				1				1					1	3
accipiter sp.												1		1
Red-shld. Hawk							1							1
Red-tailed Hawk	7	10	2	2	3	25	4	15	1	4	5		5	83
western rice			(2)				(4)	(14)						(20)
Ferruginous Hawk	1	2		1		10								14
Rough-legged Hawk		1				7		2						10
buteo sp.		1			1									2
Golden Eagle					1	4	1						2	8
American Kestrel	1	11		3		13	1	9		3	5	1	3	50
Prairie Falcon					1									1
Ring-necked Pheasant	1							1			1			3
Virginia Rail	1													1
American Coot	37	86		35				108	30	11	20			327
Killdeer	3	1								4		1		9
Common Snipe		1					1			1				3
Ring-billed Gull	125	160		9		625	40	23	75	48	120	28		1253
California Gull	8	40				1								19
Herring Gull	5			1		12					1			19
Lesser Blk.-bkd. Gull											1			1
Rock Dove	3	33	42	6	10	59	1	15	5	35		25	3	237
Mourning Dove		2												2

OBSERVATION LEGEND:

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only,

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE FEBRUARY 2000

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	5	6	12	13	19	20	26	27	1	8	15	22	29	
	CCR	VDT	FFR	SPP	MFP	LMC	CHA	LON	WGB	SPR	CCR	CPZ	WTC	
Eastern Screech-Owl									1					1
Great Horned Owl						1					1			2
Belted Kingfisher	3	4	1	3		1	2	2	2	1			3	22
Downy Woodpecker "eastern" race	1	1	2 (2)	1	1	1	1					1		9 (2)
Hairy Woodpecker					2									2
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	20 (20)	1	6 (6)	1 (1)	2 (2)		4 (4)	4 (4)	8		2	3	6	57 (57)
Northern Shrike											1		1	2
Stellar's Jay					9								1	10
Blue Jay	1	4	3	2				2						12
Western Scrub-Jay			12		5								3	20
Black-billed Magpie	53	34	16	15	15	20	15	8	14	24	8	36	7	265
American Crow	18	1	6	6	22	9	4	175	5	3	12	30	2	293
Common Raven			1	2	3			1		1	2	4	3	17
Horned Lark							15							15
Blk.-capped Chickadee	10	2	26	3	10		35	8	8		1	3	5	111
Mountain Chickadee					17									17
White-br. Nuthatch			9		2		2							13
Pygmy Nuthatch					27									27
Brown Creeper			3		5	1	1		1					11
Canyon Wren					1								3	4
Marsh Wren	1													1
American Dipper					1		2	1	1				6	11
Golden-cr. Kinglet					3							1		4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet												1		1
Townsend's Solitaire			2		2								3	7
American Robin	7	4	2			4	2	3	4	2				28
European Starling	138	630	3	14	2	45	20	130	12	16	9	500	8	1527
Spotted Towhee					2				2				1	5
Am. Tree Sparrow	12	6				6	6	1					3	34
Song Sparrow	4	5		1	1	1	1	5	4	2			6	30
Lincoln's Sparrow									1					1
White-cr. Sparrow "Gambel's" race		26 (26)							4					30 (26)
Dark-eyed Junco "White-winged" race "Slate-colored" race "Oregon" race "Pink-sided" race "Gray-headed" race		1	17		30 (1) (1) (2) (10) (5)	18	10		5			1	9	91 (1) (1) (4) (25) (24)
Red-winged Blackbird	17	155		30		1051	30	71	2	10	35			1401
Western Meadowlark	5	2					10	7						24
Brewer's Blackbird		18												18
House Finch		37	75	4	7		1	4	22	6		1	5	162
American Goldfinch	6		13			6						9		34
House Sparrow	12	260	10		3	16			36		12	100		449
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1581	3805	588	616	215	8031	583	3699	633	1204	305	1057	93	22410
TOTAL SPECIES	41	50	30	34	28	40	34	40	33	29	22	29	24	22410

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February Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Pacific Loon	2/1		2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Common Loon	2/1	2/23	up to 5	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Yellow-billed Loon	2/1	2/19	1 imm.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Clark's Grebe	2/1	2/19	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
American White Pelican	2/26		15	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Marshall Iliff, Chris Wood
American White Pelican	2/27		7	Lake Henry	Crowley	Stan Oswald
Eurasian Wigeon	2/1	2/26	1 m	Arkansas River in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Ross's Goose	2/17		1	Fl Logan Cemetery	Denver	Tina Jones
Cinnamon Teal	2/26		4m, 1f	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Marshall Iliff
Oldsquaw	2/13	2/23	1 m	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Greater Scaup	2/9		1m, 1f	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Barrow's Goldeneye	2/1		1 f	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Van Truan
Barrow's Goldeneye	2/1	2/23	1m, 1f	Pueblo Reservoir/Swallows	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Barrows Goldeneye	2/1	2/25	1m, 1f	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Red Breasted Merganser	2/1	2/4	3m, 2f	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Sandhill Crane	1/1	2/25	1	Penrose	Fremont	Rosie Watts
Sandhill Crane	2/6		20	Thurston Reservoir	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Sandhill Crane	2/21		1	124th&US85	Adams	Bob Spencer, m.ob
Greater Yellowlegs	2/26		2	124th&US95	Adams	Warren Finch, Bob Spencer
Little Gull	2/1	2/6	1 ad. bas	Swallows	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Bonaparte's Gull	2/1	2/26	3 juv	Pueblo Reservoir/Swallows	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Mew Gull	2/1	2/13	1 to 2 ad. bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Mew Gull	2/12		1 1st alt.	Lake Henry	Crowley	Mark Janos
Thayer's Gull	2/1	2/6	1 1st bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Thayer's Gull	2/29		1 ad., 2 1st bas	Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Todd Dilley
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2/2		1a bas	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2/12		1 2nd bas	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Mark Janos
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2/12		1 1st bas	Lake Henry	Crowley	Mark Janos
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2/29		1 3rd bas, 1 2nd bas	Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Todd Dilley
Glaucous-winged Gull	2/29		2nd bas	Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Todd Dilley
Glaucous Gull	2/1		1 1st bas	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Van Truan
Glaucous Gull	2/1		1a	Loveland Lake	Larimer	Warren Finch, Bob Spencer
Glaucous Gull	2/29		1 1st bas	Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Todd Dilley
Great Black-backed Gull	2/1	2/9	1 ad. bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Great Black-backed Gull	2/29		1 1st bas	Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Todd Dilley
Eurasian Collared-Dove	2/20		3	Fowler	Otero	Brandon Percival, Jim & Rosie Watts, Lisa Edwards
Inca Dove	2/29		2	Washington & Virginia Av	Otero	Stan Oswald, Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Rachel Kolokoff, Todd Dilley
Barn Owl	2/6		1	Burchfield SWA	Baca	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Barn Owl	2/26		1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Stan Oswald
Western Screech-Owl	2/5		1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Snowy Owl	2/7		1if	East of Briggsdale	Weld	Bob Spencer, m.ob
Burrowing Owl	2/27		1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Stan Oswald
Long-eared Owls	2/15		5	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz
Saw-whet Owl	2/7		1	Crow Valley work station	Weld	Bob Spencer, m.ob
Northern Saw-whet Owl	2/29		1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff, Todd Dilley

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

APRIL FIELD TRIPS

April 1, Saturday

High Country Birding (HIC)

Leader: Warren Finch, (303) 233-3372

All day trip to the high country with Turkey, Blue Grouse and Ptarmigan as the target species. Call leader for time, meeting place and carpooling ideas. Limited number of participants. Four-wheel drive vehicles required. Bring lunch and radios if you have them.

April 2, Sunday

Red Rocks Park & Adjacent foothills (RRP)

Leader: J.B. Hayes, (303) 798-9683

Meet at 0800 at Red Rocks Trading Post. Half day trip, lunch optional. Daylight Savings Times begins.

April 8, Saturday

Barr Lake (BAR)

Leader: Bob Righter, (303) 692-8529

Meet at 0800 at Barr Lake Nature Center. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

April 9, Sunday

Northeast Colorado (NEC)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

Trip will include Jackson Reservoir and Barr Lake periphery. Meet at 0730 at the Museum of Natural History, east end of the north parking lot. Full day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass needed.

April 15, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)

Leader: David Rhoades, (303) 424-8633

Limited number of participants. Call leader for arrangements.

April 16, Sunday

Boulder County/Walden Ponds (BOU)

Leaders: Mona and Dean Hill, (303) 494-8135

Meet leaders at 0800 at Cottonwood Marsh parking lot at Walden Ponds. From U.S. 36, take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north past Baseline Reservoir, then east on Arapahoe to 75th. Turn north, pass Valmont and watch for Walden Ponds sign. Go left to main parking lot. Half day trip, lunch optional.

April 17, Monday

Hawk Watch on Dinosaur Ridge (HAW)

Leader: Tamie Bulow, (303) 462-1238

Meet at 0900 at the Hawk Watch. Take I-70 west to Morrison exit. Go left at light at exit ramp, then left at second turn into parking lot at southeast quadrant of intersection. The uphill walk is approximately 1/2 mile. Birding at Matthews/Winters Park will follow. Half day trip, lunch optional.

April 22, Saturday

Parker Regional Park (PRP)

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg, (303) 699-1721

Meet at 0700 in the park parking lot. Go south on Parker Road (CO 83) 1.2 miles from the intersection with Main Street in Parker. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. Bring lunch.

April 23, Sunday

Easter Sunday -- No trip

April 29, Saturday

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)

Leader: Mary C. Burger, (303) 771-3431

Meet leader at 0730 at the west entrance, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east on Union Ave. from S. Yosemite. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. Expect migrating shorebirds and passerines.

April 30, Sunday

Lower Latham Reservoir (LLR)

Leader: David Laliberte (303) 297-1390

Meet leader at 0730 at the Museum of Natural History, east end of north parking lot. We will also bird other Weld County lakes and reservoirs. Full day trip, bring lunch.

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May Out of Town Trips – Advance Notices

May 1-5, Monday - Friday

Southeastern Colorado (SOC)

Leader: Brandon Percival, (719) 547-3722

Meet leader at 5:00P.M. on Monday May 1, at the Lamar Community College Grove. Or meet the group each morning (Tuesday-Friday) between sunrise and 8:00A.M. at the Grove. After morning birding each day, we will go to other hot spots in southeastern Colorado including Ft. Lyon, Hasty Campground, Two Buttes Reservoir, the Great Plains Reservoir and other locations. (If you bird in Otero, Crowley, Bent, Kiowa, Prowers or Baca County on May 1st, please track your sightings and numbers. These sightings will go on the five day trip list.)

We will be staying in motels in Lamar Monday-Thursday nights. Blue Spruce Motel (719) 336-7454. Make your reservations as early as possible. Breakfast and dinner on your own, lunch each day as a group. Bring lunches, snacks and plenty of water. Also bring rain gear, rubber boots and walkie-talkies if you have them. The main focus is to search for eastern rarities (warblers, vireos, tanagers, thrush among others). The trip will end Friday afternoon at Lake Henry near Ordway. (Last year's trip found 19 warbler species including Cerulean and Yellow-throated.) Call leader before April 20 for additional information.

May 12-14, Friday-Sunday

Bonnie Reservoir

Leader: Bob Righter

Details in the next *Lark Bunting*.

May 19-21, Friday-Sunday

Crescent Lake, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 3

Program: "Bird-banding in Hungary with Earthwatch"

Speaker: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY MARCH 2000

March 4, Saturday (PUE)

Pueblo Area

Leader: Dave Silverman. **Observers:** Donn Cook, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Catherine Griswold, Bob Gotthelf, Judy Gotthelf, Paul Hurtado, Dave Johnson, Loch Kilpatrick, George McKinnon, Mona Reed, Ira Sanders, Patty Schlesinger, Jack Short, Christine Stoner, Leslie Vallejos, Clark Wilder, John Yaeger, Mark Yaeger, Amy Young, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0930-1730. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** municipal park, riparian, large reservoir, residential area; elev. 4,700'. **Weather:** clear; wind WSW, 0-5 mph; temp. 40-70 °F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 1,144 Individuals.

March 5, Sunday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park & Area

Leader: Norm Erthal. **Observers:** Doris Cruze, Monica Geick, Warren Finch, Joan Little, John McDonald, Lynn Solomon, Ann Southcott, Toni Rautus. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 4.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Weather:** clear; wind calm; temp. 40-55 °F. **Totals:** 20 Species, 128 Individuals.

March 11, Saturday (GEO)

Georgetown, Silver Plume & Empire

Leader: Bob Frager. **Observers:** Donn Cook, Cathy Griswold, Jean Morgan, Jack Reddall, Anne Southcott, Kort Utley. **Time:** 0815-1220. **Distance:** 102.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** montane; elev. 9,500'. **Weather:** clear; wind W, 40+ mph; temp. 38 °F. **Totals:** 12 Species, 77 Individuals.

March 12, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir/State Park

Leader: Dave Quesenberry. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Loch Kilpatrick, Bill Hamilton, Karleen Schofield, Ira Sanders, Tammy Ellsworth, Warren Finch, Ric Olson, Lynn Solomon. **Time:** 0800 To 1200. **Distance:** 5.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** reservoir, pond, marsh, riparian; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** overcast becoming clear; wind none; temp. 40 - 46 °F. **Totals:** 37 Species, 774 Individuals.

March 18, Saturday (CRW)

Canon City Riverwalk

Leader: David Pantle. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Jim Barkley, Nita Barkley, Leon Bright, Tammy Ellsworth, Warren Finch, Margie Joy, Jean Morgan, Soetta Moss, Ira Sanders, Patty Schlesinger, Karleen Schofield,

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COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT COORDINATOR

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Bob Spencer, Lynn Willcockson. **Time:** 0900-1600. **Distance:** 40.0 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian, Pinyon-Juniper; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** overcast to scattered clouds; wind E, 8-12 mph; temp. 45-60 °F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 526 Individuals.

March 19, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Loch Kilpatrick, Karen McGuire, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens, Jack Reddall, Chris Stoner, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0700-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** reservoir with adjacent riparian, open fields; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** partly cloudy; wind W, 0-10 mph; temp. 40-60 °F. **Totals:** 48 Species, 10,829 Individuals.

March 23-25, Thursday/Friday/Saturday (KEA)

Kearney, NE - Sandhill Crane Trip

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Marlene Andrews, Marlene Carlson, Jim Capdevielle, Carolyn Cooley, Beth McLaughlin, Jeff McLaughlin, Mona Reed, Lee Rowe, Marilyn Rowe, Frances Sperl, Helen Standish. **Time:** 7/4/8³⁰-6/7/5³⁰. **Distance:** 1040.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** riparian & grainfields; elev. 5,280-2,130'. **Weather:** foggy & rainy/windy & clear/sunny & clear; wind WNW, 0-30 mph; temp. 38-47/41-62/52-65 °F. **Totals:** 60 Species, 105,630 Individuals.

March 25, Saturday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Chris Blakesly, Warren Finch, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Loch Kilpatrick, Jean Morgan, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Kort Utley, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0615-1717. **Distance:** 376.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** plains grassland and plains riparian; elev. <5,000'. **Weather:** clear -> mostly clear; wind N, 5-12 mph; temp. 38-58 °F. **Totals:** 65 Species, 5975 Individuals.

March 26, Sunday (CHA)

Chatfield Reservoir/State Park

Leader: Bob Brown. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Donn Cook, Cathy Griswold, Colleen Nunn, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Karleen Schofield, Debbie Seiden, Anne Southcott, Larry Wilson, Roni Wilson, Jeff Zabler, Maureen Zabler. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 6.5 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** river, riparian, reservoir-open water; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** mostly clear early, mostly cloudy late; wind NE, calm to 5-20 mph; temp. 40-55 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 200 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

March 7, Tuesday (VBJ)

Van Bibber Jefco Open Space Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 40. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Habitat Riparian, cottonwood, cattails & open meadows; elev. 5,400'. **Weather:** overcast to partly cloudy; wind light; temp. 40-52 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 496 Individuals.

March 14, Tuesday (CAR)

Chatfield Arboretum

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian; cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper & open fields; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** partly sunny; wind W 0-5 mph; temp. 40-55 °F. **Totals:** 23 Species, 180 Individuals.

March 21, Tuesday

Canceled due to inclement weather.

March 28, Tuesday (CLM)

Chatfield Sp.-Lockheed Martin Wetlands Sand & Gravel Ponds South Of Kingfisher Bridge

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 31. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas; elev. 5,430'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind NW 0-6 mph; temp. 50-65 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 238 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

County coordinators are needed for the North American Migration Count (NAMC). They need Spring Count Coordinators on the eastern slope to participate with other counters on May 13th. For information and necessary forms, contact Linda Vidal, 855 Wooden Deer Road, Carbondale, CO 81623. 970-704-9950.

The Denver Zoo is having "International Migratory Bird Festival" in early May. The zoo is seeking volunteers who would be willing to lead birdwalks (6:30 A.M.-9:00 A.M.) on the zoo grounds on Tuesday, May 9th or Thursday, May 11th. If you are interested, call John Azua, Curator of Birds, Denver Zoological Gardens, at 303-376-4914.

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Ruth Wheeler Memorial Fund

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CLASS

"Colorado Bird Nesting, Behavior and Courtship- See Mountain Nesting Birds"
Classroom, Monday, June 26, 6:30 P.M.
Fieldtrip, Wed. June 28, all day. To register, call Denver Museum of Natural History at 303-370-6304. Instructor, Tina Jones, 303-794-2647

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

REQUEST FOR OLD DFO MINUTES

Historian Warren Finch would like to obtain minutes for old DFO meetings. If you have minutes or know where some are please contact Warren at 303 233-3372, 455 Dover St., Lakewood, CO 80226.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

Additional Reports: Joey Kellner
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Note: Reports for field trips taken in May, 2000 and beyond should be sent to

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Common Loon	1												1
Pied-billed Grebe	2				1	1		1					5
Horned Grebe				12									12
Eared Grebe	30												30
American White Pelican								35					35
Double-cr. Cormorant					3	40		1				1	45
Great Blue Heron	1				7	3	3	14	22			32	82
Gr. White-fronted Goose							160						160
Snow Goose							65000	4000					69000
"White morph"							(35000)						(35000)
"Blue morph"							(30000)						(30000)
Ross's Goose							6						6
Canada Goose	25			20	8	14	12800	87	20	220	54	22	13270
Cackling "Minima"											1		(1)
Wood Duck	15												15
Gadwall	8			60		2000	2	15					2085
American Wigeon	108				10	100		3					221
American Black Duck							1						1
Mallard	45	2		40	30	75	62	10	15	33	3	10	325
Blue-winged Teal					1			2					3
Cinnamon Teal				2	4			2					8
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.							12						12
Northern Shoveler	2			12		2000	15	322	2			1	2354
Northern Pintail	2					25		167					194
Green-winged Teal	4			70	6	200		41	2			3	326
Canvasback					1								1
Rodhead	8			10	3	1	125	20	2				169
Ring-necked Duck					20		20	9					49
Lesser Scaup				2		5000	105	9					5116
Bufflehead	65			3		400	8	6					482
Common Goldeneye	2			1		200	3	1				3	210
Hooded Merganser	4				5				1m				10
Common Merganser					3			3	1m,1f				6
Red-breasted Merganser				5		3							8
Ruddy Duck						75	80	70					225
Osprey							1						1
Bald Eagle	1				1a	1a,1i	17						21
Northern Harrier					1	1m,1f	8	6					17
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1									2			3
Cooper's Hawk	1											1	2
Red-shouldered Hawk				1i									1
Red-tailed Hawk	3	1		5	6	2	57	14	2	2	4	5	101
western races		(1)			(6)	(2)	(57)						(66)
Ferruginous Hawk					1		6	3					10
Rough-legged Hawk							5	1					6
Golden Eagle	1	1					1						3
American Kestrel	1	1			1	5	25	12	3	8	2	5	63
Merlin						1							1
Peregrine Falcon								1					1
Prairie Falcon		2											2
Ring-necked Pheasant						1	1						2
Wild Turkey								14					14

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Scaled Quail	65				21								86
Northern Bobwhite								1					1
Virginia Rail				4	1,2h			8	1h			4	20
Sora												1	1
American Coot	25			50	62	150	43	35	12				377
Sandhill Crane					2		25000						25002
Common Crane							1						1
Whooping Crane							2						2
Killdeer	2			2	2	2	12	32	4		3	1	60
Greater Yellowlegs								2					2
Baird's Sandpiper								2					2
Ring-billed Gull	250			250		2	430	406	6	2		5	1351
California Gull				2		4			2				8
Herring Gull	1			4				5	3				13
Glaucous-winged Gull							2						2
Rock Dove	150	30		4	20	6	31	31		6		15	293
Mourning Dove	1			1	6		6	2					16
Great Horned Owl					1	1		3		1	1		7
Belted Kingfisher	2			1	2	1	2	1	3h		1	3	16
Lewis's Woodpecker										1			1
Red-bellied Woodpecker							2	2					4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker							1						1
Downy Woodpecker	1	3		2		3	1	3		3	1		17
"eastern" race				(2)		(3)							(5)
Hairy Woodpecker					2	1			2				5
"eastern" race					(2)	(1)							(3)
Northern Flicker	8	3		15	8	7	9	17	7	17	6	4	101
"Red-shafted" race	(8)	(3)		(15)	(8)	(7)	(9)		(7)				(57)
Eastern Phoebe								1					1
Say's Phoebe	1				1								2
Western Kingbird							2						2
Northern Shrike								1					1
Shrike sp.	1												1
Steller's Jay			2										2
Blue Jay	1					1	2	2	1h	5			12
Western Scrub-Jay		28			4								32
Pinyon Jay					50								50
Black-billed Magpie	18		2	20	10	15	26	8	6	30	12	18	165
American Crow	40		29	6	10	2	138	2		1	3	2	233
Common Raven		3									1		4
Horned Lark	5				1			6					12
Tree Swallow									3				3
Black-capped Chickadee	8	8	4		1	12		9	12	4	16	5	79
Mountain Chickadee	1		5										6
Bushtit	6												6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2		1					1					4
White-breasted Nuthatch	1						1	2					4
Brown Creeper						1							1
Rock Wren					1								1
Canyon Wren		4			1h								5
Carolina Wren								1					1

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Bewick's Wren	1				1h								1
Marsh Wren				1	1								2
American Dipper		2											2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1											2
Eastern Bluebird							1						1
Western Bluebird					6								6
Mountain Bluebird		2			10						5		17
Townsend's Solitaire	1												1
American Robin	14	4		10	4	15	108	89	6	8	10	8	276
Sage Thrasher							1						1
Curve-billed Thrasher	1												1
European Starling	30		1	100	10	50	125	110	30	45	10	50	561
Cedar Waxwing							2						2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1												1
Common Yellowthroat	1												1
Spotted Towhee		5											5
Eastern Towhee					1								1
Canyon Towhee	1				3								4
Rufous-cr. Sparrow					2								2
American Tree Sparrow				5		1	23				4		33
Song Sparrow	14	2		3	10	15	6	3	5	6	1	3	68
Swamp Sparrow					1								1
White-crowned Sparrow	70				10	9	3	3					95
"Gambel's" race					(10)			4					(14)
Dark-eyed Junco	20	12	14	2	10	30		3	3		8	1	103
"Slate-colored" race		(1)		1				1					(2)
"Oregon" race		(4)	(6)	3									(3)
"Pink-sided" race			(2)		(8)			1					(1)
"Oregon/Pink-sided"						(30)							(30)
"Gray-headed" race		(3)	(6)		(2)							(1)	(12)
Northern Cardinal							5	2					7
Red-winged Blackbird	6		1	20	50	300	850	116	10	80	12	20	1465
Eastern Meadowlark							1						1
Western Meadowlark	3			4	6	25	71	101	7	3	4	12	236
Common Grackle							40						40
Great-tailed Grackle					2f								2
Cassin's Finch			2										2
House Finch	40	14			10	3	30	3	3	16	13	1	133
Pine Siskin			11		8			1					20
Lesser Goldfinch					1								1
"Black-backed" race					(1)								(1)
American Goldfinch	3			1	50	8	30	27	3h				122
House Sparrow	18		5	20	10	15	100	59		3	5	2	237
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1144	128	77	774	526	10829	105630	5975	200	496	180	238	126197
TOTAL SPECIES	59	20	12	37	60	48	60	65	31	22	23	28	

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MARCH 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units						
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	132	126,197	12	208	90.5	1,594.5	29.0
DFO FIELD TRIPS	130	125,283	9	113	81.0	1,583.5	22.0
TUESDAY BIRDERS	36	914	3	95	9.5	11.0	7.0
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 13 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 2 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 9							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (See table for details)							
"Cackling Goose", American Black Duck, Red-shouldered Hawk, Common Crane, Whooping Crane, Glaucous-winged Gull, Carolina Wren, Eastern Towhee, Eastern Meadowlark							

March Additional Reports

Species	Date	Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
Yellow-billed Loon	3/18	1f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Van Truan, m.ob.
Greater White-fronted Goose	3/5	1	Thurston Reservoir	Prowers	Chris Wood, Joey Kellner, Brandon Percival
Tufted Duck	3/28	1m	Barr Lake	Adams	Karleen Schofield
Greater Scaup	3/11	9	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Tony Leukering, Mark Janos, Brandon Percival
Greater Scaup	3/19	8	Pond e. of L. Meredith	Crowley	Tony Leukering, Mark Janos, Brandon Percival
Greater Scaup	3/25 - 3/28	7m, 1f	Pond at Willow Lane & W. 20th Ave.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Greater Scaup	3/28	700 I	Barr Lake	Adams	Karleen Schofield
Barrow's Goldeneye	3/28	1m, 1f	Barr Lake	Adams	Karleen Schofield
Broad-winged Hawk	3/20	1 dark morph (EARLY)	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Steve Stachowiak
Peregrine Falcon	3/22	1	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Thayer's Gull	3/7	3 1st-bas, 1a	Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Brandon Percival
Iceland Gull	3/18	1 1st-bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Van Truan, m.ob.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	3/7	4 (1 1st-bas, 1 2nd-bas, 1 3rd-bas, 1a bas)	Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Brandon Percival
Lesser Black-backed Gull	3/17 - 3/18	1a alt	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Slaty-backed Gull	3/7	1a bas	Robert Bensen Lake & Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Glaucous Gull	3/7	1 1st-bas	Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Brandon Percival
Great Black-backed Gull	3/7	1 1st bas	Horseshoe Lake	Larimer	Brandon Percival
Inca Dove	3/4 - 3/19	2 (possibly as many as 3)	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Tina Jones, m.ob.
Eurasian Collared-doves	3/9	7	Rocky Ford	Otero	Laura & Wayne Wathen
Barn Owl	3/4	1	Cimarron River	Baca	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Joey Kellner, m.ob.
Western Screech-Owl	3/4 - 3/19	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Eastern Screech-Owl	3/4	1	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Long-eared Owl	3/3	1	Wellington	Larimer	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Short-eared Owl	3/3	1	Wellington SWA	Larimer	Chris Wood, Brandon Percival
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3/30	1f	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Norm Lewis, m.ob.
Winter Wren	3/19	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering
Varied Thrush	3/29	1 male	Walsenberg	Huerfano	Dodie Hiatt, Brandon Percival
Black-throated Sparrow	3/26	1s	S. of La Junta	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
Sage Sparrow	3/23	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Le Conte's Sparrow	3/11	3	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Tony Leukering

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Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next month's Lark Bunting.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

MAY FIELD TRIPS

May 1-5, Monday - Friday

Southeastern Colorado (SOC)

Leader: Brandon Percival, (719) 547-3722
Meet leader at 5:00P.M. on Monday May 1, at the Lamar Community College (LCC) Grove for afternoon birding. Or meet the group each morning (Tuesday-Friday) between sunrise and 8:00A.M. at the LCC Grove. After morning birding each day, we will go to other hot spots in southeastern Colorado including Ft. Lyon, Hasty Campground, Two Buttes Reservoir, the Great Plains Reservoir and other locations. (If you bird in Otero, Crowley, Bent, Kiowa, Prowers or Baca County on May 1st, please track your sightings and numbers. These sightings will go on the five day trip list.)

Monday-Thursday we will be staying at the Blue Spruce Motel (719) 336-7454. Make your reservations as early as possible. Breakfast and dinner on your own, lunch each day as a group. Bring lunches, snacks and plenty of water. Also bring rain gear, rubber boots and walkie-talkies if you have them. The main focus is to search for eastern rarities. We will also look for shorebirds and water birds. The trip will end Friday afternoon at Lake Henry near Ordway. Call leader before April 20 for additional information.

May 6, Saturday

Doudy Draw Trail (DDT)

Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster, (303) 494-6708

Meet leaders at 0800 at the north parking lot of U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories, 325 Broadway. From U.S. 36, go west on Baseline Rd. to light at 27th Way. Turn left, continuing to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter Lab grounds; parking lot on right. Plan to walk about three miles at a leisurely pace. Warblers, buntings and bluebirds are possible. Bring lunch, ¾ day trip.

May 7, Sunday

Longmont Area/Union Resv. (LON)

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, (303) 772-6048

Meet leaders at 0700 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take Exit 240 (CO 119). Go west four miles to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to the park on the left. (Hygiene Rd./17th Ave.) Bring lunch, ¾ day trip. Especially good trip for new members and novice birders.

May 12-14, Friday-Sunday

Bonny Reservoir (BON)

Leader: Bob Righter, (303) 692-8529

Meet leader at Foster Grove Campground Friday afternoon at 4:00pm. To reach the campground from U.S. 385 take CR3 east about 1 ½ miles to the entrance station. Campsites available or stay in motels in Idalia or Burlington. Prairie Vista Motel in Idalia, (970) 354-7237. Bob and Nancy Bierling, (303) 758-6671 will facilitate carpooling from Denver. Call them for information. If you can't meet the leader Friday afternoon, please call him for the 0800 Saturday meeting location. Plan meals for Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. Bring walkie-talkies if you have them. State Parks Pass required. The trip will end around noon on Sunday.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

SPRING COUNTS -- PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP!

May 11, Thursday

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, (303) 233-4947

Meet at west gate near Cherry Creek High School. Call leader for time. State Parks Pass required.

May 13, Saturday

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner, (303) 978-1748

Meet at 0630 just inside Deer Creek entrance to the park (off Wadsworth south of C-470). State Parks Pass required.

May 13, Saturday

Waterton, Downstream

Leader: Hugh Kingery, (303) 814-2723

Meet leader at 0645 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning from Wadsworth onto Waterton/Roxborough Rd. and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon). Four-five miles of hiking. Long pants recommended due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles and knapweed.

May 13, Saturday

Lower Bear Creek

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682

Meet at 0700 at southwest corner of Bear Valley Shopping Center behind Conoco. The shopping center is on the east side of S. Sheridan, just north of Hampden.

May 13, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler, (303) 278-8035

Meet at 0630 at the entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is a ten-mile, all day hike around the lake. State Parks Pass required.

May 14, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, (303) 680-3381

Meet at 0630 at old park entrance. From intersection of CO86 and CO83 in Franktown, go 0.5 miles west to Castlewood Canyon Rd. Turn south, go two miles to old entrance. State Parks Pass required.

May 14, Sunday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery, (303) 814-2723

Call leader in advance to register. Number of observers is limited.

May 14, Sunday

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 278-1644

Meet at 0630 at the intersection of Piccadilly Rd. and Bromley Lane. This count does not involve much walking and is good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

MAY FIELD TRIPS CONTINUED

May 19-21, Friday-Sunday

Crescent Lake NWR, Nebraska (CRL)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 278-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the Denver Museum of Natural History. We will bird at Tamarack Ranch, Prewitt Reservoir and Ash Hollow State Park on Friday. Saturday will be spent at the wildlife refuge which is known for nesting shorebirds and waterfowl. Sunday we bird at the North Platte NWR near Scottsbluff. Bring lunches for all three days. Saturday breakfast at convenience store with microwave, Sunday at a restaurant. Spend Friday night at Shady Rest Motel, Oshkosh, (308) 772-4115. Saturday night stay at McCarroll's Motel, Alliance, (308) 762-3680. Be prepared for rain and wind. Four wheel drive or high clearance vehicles are recommended. Return to Denver by 1900 Sunday evening. Call leader with questions or to arrange carpooling.

May 20, Saturday

Rigli Ranch (RIR)

Leader: Joe Rigli, (970) 483-5200

Meet leader at ranch at 0800. From Hudson, go east on CO52 until it turns north. Don't turn north but continue east on Morgan County Rd. F to CR14, then turn north about one mile to first house on left by boxcars. Full day trip, bring lunch.

May 21, Sunday

Colorado Springs area (CSP)

Leader: David Laliberte, (303) 297-1390

We will bird Colorado Springs SWA, Hanna Ranch and Big Johnson Reservoir. Meet leader at 0600 at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Hope to see migrant warblers, Curve-billed Thrasher, Green Heron and rails. Bring lunch; all day trip returns to museum after sunset.

May 27, Saturday

Southwest Suburban (SSU)

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, (303) 757-7000

We will bird Highline Canal, McClellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers and Daniels Park. Meet leader at 0700 in the Albertson's parking lot at the northwest corner of S. Broadway and County Line Rd. Last year this trip yielded gnatcatchers, bluebirds and Lewis's Woodpecker. Full day trip, bring lunch.

May 28, Sunday

Stapleton Braille Trail (SBT)

Leader: Doris Cruze, (303) 798-8072

Meet leader at 0730 at the Park 'n Ride at Wadsworth and Hampden Ave. The trip near Chief Hosa will include a stop at of a birder-friendly home that often has many hummingbirds. Trip is especially good for novice birders and new members. Bring lunch; group may go to Chief Hosa after lunch.

May 29, Monday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, (303) 659-8069

Meet at 0800 at the Nature Center. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Great Blue Heron and cormorants nest at Barr Lake. Late rare migrants possible. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

May trips compiled by Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$25.00

_____ Student Membership \$5.00 (age 18 or younger)

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists

Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224-1249, 303-322-6589



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 6

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 303-424-2144
DFO Home Page: www.geocities.com/dfobirders

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY APRIL 2000

April 1, Saturday

(HIC)

High Country Birding

Postponed due to inclement weather.

April 2, Sunday

(RRP)

Red Rocks Park & Genesee Mountain Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes. **Observers:** Sonja Hahn,

Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider. **Time:** 0800-1200.

Distance: 10.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Habitats: foothills scrub, riparian, meadows (Red Rocks), open Ponderosa forest (Genesee); elev. 6,000'-7,500'. **Weather:** overcast; ground partly snow covered; wind W, 0-5 mph; temp. 37-41 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 203 Individuals.

April 8, Saturday

(BAR)

Barr Lake

Leader: Bob Righter. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Bob Bierling, Doug Chase, Lisa Dale, Patty Echelmeyer, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Glenn Hageman, Jean Hageman, Judy Miller, Bob Morton, Nancy Morton, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, K. Olson, Dave Quesenberry, Buzz Schaumberg, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Barbara Smith, Ann Southcott, Chris Stoner, Eric Taylor, Franny Taylor, Chuck Walters, Dianna Wayne. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitats:** aquatic,

riparian, grasslands, urban; elev. 5,200'.

Weather: clear; wind 0-3 mph; temp. 50 °F.

Totals: 49 Species, 562 Individuals.

April 9, Sunday

(NEC)

Northeast Colorado

Canceled

April 15, Saturday

(RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: David Rhoades. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Bob DeBoer, Oveta DeBoer, Sheila Duvall, Cal Frazier, Jean Frazier, Ellie Jones, Richard Mendez, Sue Schulman, Emilie Wiersma, Ralph Wiersma. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 15.0 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitats:** prairie, wetlands, lakes, riparian; elev. 5,200'. **Weather:** rain, snow, windy; wind 0-10 mph; temp. 30 °F. **Totals:** 53 Species, 630 Individuals.

April 15, Saturday

(HIC)

High Country Birding

Leader: Warren Finch. **Observers:** Tammy Ellsworth, Bill Hamilton, Mona Reed, Ira Sanders, Buzz Schaumberg. **Time:** 0600-1500. **Distance:** 145.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** foothills shrubland-Ponderosa Pine forest, feeders; elev. 6,000'-11,700'. **Weather:** raining, sleeting, snowing, cloudy; wind N, 0-30

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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December

COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT COORDINATOR

Norm Erthal, 303-424-6747

mph; temp. 40-32 °F. Totals: 31 Species, 561 Individuals.

April 16, Sunday (BOU) Boulder County/Walden Ponds, Sombraero Pond

Leaders: Mona and Dean Hill. Observers: Jim Fischer, Kathy Nelson, Chris Stoner, Carran Meaney, Larry Wilson. Time: 0800-1300.

Distance: 0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Habitats: gravel ponds; elev. 5,400'. Weather: cold & cloudy to sunny & clear; wind E, 5-10 mph; temp. 40-60 °F. Totals: 50 Species, 446 Individuals.

April 17, Monday (HAW) Hawk Watch on Dinosaur Ridge

Leader: Tamie Bulow. Observers: Marlene Andrews, Debra Bogar, Beverlee Guild, Grace Hahn, Liz Kreider, Betsy Maslow, Rich Maslow, Anne Southcott, Jack Whiting, Joan Whiting. Time: 0900-1400. Distance: 0.5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitats: foothills. Weather: clear; wind ESE, 0-10 mph; temp. 47-74 °F. Totals: 28 Species, 122 Individuals.

April 22, Saturday (PRP) Parker Regional Park

Leader: Buzz Schaumburg. Observers: Beverlee Guild, Kathy Nelson. Time: 0700-1200. Distance: 0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. Habitats: marsh, prairie, lake. Weather: clear and sunny; wind W, 0-7 mph; temp. 35-75 °F. Totals: 38 Species, 329 Individuals.

April 23, Sunday Easter Sunday -- No trip

April 29, Saturday (CCR) Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Mary C. Burger. Observers: Ellie Jones, Colin Reuter, Mary Reuter, Sue Schulman, Steve Sinclair, Ann Southcott, Kort Utley. Time: 0730-1300. Distance: 5.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot. Habitats: reservoir, riparian, pond, marsh; elev. 5,500'. Weather: overcast becoming clear; wind 0-5 mph; temp. 50-80 °F. Totals: 57 Species, 837 Individuals.

April 30, Sunday (LLR)
Lower Latham Reservoir, Ireland & Prospect Reservoir, Barr Lake

Leader: David Laliberte. **Observers:** Tammy Ellsworth, Pearl Jordan, Ira Sanders, Chris Stoner, Amy Young. **Time:** 0800-1830.
Distance: 155.2 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.
Habitats: riparian, roadsides, fields, ditches, marshy areas, reservoirs; elev. 5,280'-4,664'.
Weather: overcast to cloudy; early intermittent drizzle, becoming dry, cold windchill; wind N, 24-7mph; temp. 39-50 °F. **Totals:** 84 Species, 1392 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

April 4, Tuesday (HMR)
Hawk Watch At Dinosaur Ridge, Matthews Winters & Red Rocks Parks.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 39. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 5.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, transitional zone, juniper, Ponderosa Pine; shrubland, city park; elev. 6,000'-6,400'. **Weather:** partly cloudy; wind W, 0-10 mph; temp. 52-62 °F. **Totals:** 26 species, 97 individuals.

April 11, Tuesday (LMG)
Lookout Mtn Nature Center & Genesee Mtn. Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 6.0 miles by car, 0.75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa forests & open hillsides; elev. 7,400'. **Weather:** mostly sunny; wind S, 5-12 mph; temp. 40-55 °F. **Totals:** 21 species, 104 individuals.

April 18, Tuesday (BCL)
Bear Creek Lake Park.

Leader: Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 20. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 9.0 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** reservoir, riparian, deciduous trees, open fields; elev. 5,800'. **Weather:** mostly sunny to cloudy; wind SSW, 13-17 mph;

temp. 65-72 °F. **Totals:** 41 species, 237 individuals.

April 25. (CAC)
Castlewood Canyon & Kingery Residence
Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 10.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, deciduous trees, canyon, Ponderosa Pine, transition zone, scrub oak, fields, meadows; elev. 6,400'. **Weather:** mostly cloudy; wind SE, 0-5 mph; temp. 54-65 °F. **Totals:** 34 species, 165 individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

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CLASSES

"Colorado Bird Nesting, Behavior and Courtship- See Mountain Nesting Birds"
Classroom, Monday, June 26, 6:30 P.M.-9:00

"Colorado Bird Nesting, Behavior and Courtship- See Mountain Nesting Birds"
Classroom, Monday, June 26, 6:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Fieldtrip, Wed. June 28, 7:30 A.M.-all day. Fee required. To register, call Denver Museum of Natural History at 303-370-6304. Instructor, Tina Jones, 303-794-2647

"Hummingbirds of the Southwest, ID, Behavior, and Gardening". Visit a hummer garden!
Class, Thursday, July 27, 6:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Garden visit, Sunday, July 30, 6 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Fee required. Call Denver Museum of Natural History at 303-370-6303. Instructor, Tina Jones, 303-794-2647

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

REQUEST FOR OLD DFO MINUTES

Historian Warren Finch would like to obtain minutes for old DFO meetings. If you have minutes or know where some are please contact Warren at 303 233-3372, 455 Dover St., Lakewood, CO 80226.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE APRIL 2000

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOT.
	2	8	15	15	16	17	22	29	30	4	11	18	25	
	RRP	BAR	RMA	HIC	BOU	HAW	PRP	CCR	ILR	HMR	LMG	BCL	CAC	
Common Loon		1												1
Pied-billed Grebe		2	2		1			1	4					10
Horned Grebe		1							7			12		20
Eared Grebe		6					1	2	12					21
Western Grebe		3						88	13			1		105
Am. White Pelican		6						39	41			8		94
Double-cr. Cormorant		5	3		1			6	19			11		45
Great Blue Heron		4	20		5		5	1	7			3	2	47
Great Egret					1									1
Snowy Egret									2					2
Cattle Egret									2					2
Blk.-cr. Night-Heron							1	4	1					6
White Ibis									1					1
White-faced Ibis							40	36	96					172
Turkey Vulture					6	7		3		2	1	1	15	35
Canada Goose		3	20	1	85		34	25	13+			2		183
Gadwall		20	14		16		20	12	9			2		93
American Wigeon		5			18		4	2	5					34
Mallard		10	12	2	23		16	45	23			22	1	154
Blue-winged Teal		2	12		2			2	20			2		40
Cinnamon Teal		1	6		12		2	1	24			4		50
Northern Shoveler		60	100		10		2	51	7					230
Northern Pintail		10	2						21					33
Green-winged Teal		2	20		19		2	10	7			2		62
Redhead		6	10		15									31
Ring-necked Duck			12		18									30
Lesser Scaup		60	30		2			2	4					98
Bufflehead		10	2		8		8							28
Hooded Merganser					1									1
Common Merganser		2	3						1f			20		26
Red-br. Merganser		1												1
Ruddy Duck		20			1				35					56
Osprey			1			4		1		1		1		8
Bald Eagle		2	1						4			1		8
Northern Harrier		2							10					12
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1		1	21	1			1				25
Cooper's Hawk			1			18		1		1		2		25
Northern Goshawk						1					1			2
Broad-winged Hawk						2								2
Swainson's Hawk			2		1	1	1	1	23				2	30
Red-tailed Hawk	2	3	6	1	1	15	5	3	2	4	1	7		50
western race				(1)	(1)									(2)
Ferruginous Hawk			1											1
Golden Eagle	1a, 1i					1						1		4
American Kestrel	2	4	12	1	3	2		1	13	2		6	4	50
Merlin										1				1
Perognathus Falcio									2					2
Prairie Falcon	2						1			2				5
Ring-necked Pheasant		3	4					2h	2(1m)					11
Blue Grouse				2										2
Wild Turkey				1										1
Virginia Rail								2h	3					5

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	RRP	BAR	RMA	HIC	BOU	HAW	PRP	OCR	LLR		HMR	LMG	BCL	CAC	
American Coot		40	50		45			15	27						177
Killdeer		4	12		8		1	2	15				6	1	49
American Avocet			9		6			27							42
Greater Yellowlegs			4		6										10
Lesser Yellowlegs									3						3
Solitary Sandpiper			1						2						3
Willet			1						1						2
Spotted Sandpiper								1	1						2
Marbled Godwit									4						4
Semip. Sandpiper									1						1
Least Sandpiper								2							2
Long-bd. Dowitcher								1							1
Common Snipe					3		6		3						14
Wilson's Phalarope									11						11
Franklin's Gull					1				7						8
Bonaparte's Gull								3							3
Ring-billed Gull		2	3		1		30	45	124				2		207
California Gull													2		2
Herring Gull						1									1
Forster's Tern								8	6						14
Rock Dove	15		2	5	5				26		9			15	77
Band-tailed Pigeon				13											13
Mourning Dove			18	1	2		2	20	33					3	81
Great Horned Owl			3		3			1a,3j					2(1n)		12
Burrowing Owl			2						6						8
White-throated Swift	7					8					12				27
Br. tld. Hummingbird														2	2
Belted Kingfisher		1	1				9	1	3				1	1	17
Downy Woodpecker							1	1				2			4
Hairy Woodpecker	1	2		1											4
"Rky.Mtn." race				(1)											(1)
"eastern" race		(2)													(2)
Northern Flicker	12	10	13	3	2	2	1	16	6		6	6	3	2	84
"Red-sh." race	(12)			(5)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(16)	(6)						(46)
Say's Phoebe	1								1		1				3
Western Kingbird									4						4
Loggerhead Shrike									1				1		2
Northern Shrike	1														1
Stellar's Jay	6			20		1	15					5		2	49
Blue Jay	1	1			3										5
Western Scrub Jay	5			2		3								3	13
Black-billed Magpie	10	10	17	10		3	7	32	13		10	6	16	10	144
American Crow	15		6	15	3	2	3	10	3		2	15		2	76
Common Raven	1			10		1					3				17
Horned Lark			3						7						10
Tree Swallow		3	2		10		8		10		5		2	3	43
Violet-green Swallow						1			1						2
No. Rgh.-w. Swallow									7				3		10
Cliff Swallow									1						1
Barn Swallow					1			4	33						38
Swallow sp.														1	1
Blk-capped Chickadee	8	8	4	5	5	4	6	4	1		4	3	4	3	59

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Mountain Chickadee	4			2						1	4		12	23
White-br. Nuthatch											7		2	9
Pygmy Nuthatch	5			5							13			23
Canyon Wren	4									3				7
House Wren								2	1h				1	4
Marsh Wren									9					9
Western Bluebird											2		2	4
Mountain Bluebird	1			1						5	4		20	31
Townsend's Solitaire	2									1	1			4
Hermit Thrush									1					1
American Robin	18	20	52	5	28	4	15	30	19	4		22	7	224
Brown Thrasher		1												1
European Starling	35	30	32	5	7		5	20	67			30	4	235
Orange-cr. Warbler									1					1
Yellow Warbler									1m					1
Yel.-rumped Warbler						1	3	3	6			3		16
"Myrtle" race						(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)					(5)
"Audubon's" race						(1)	(1)	(2)	(3)					(7)
Spotted Towhee	7					3				5			3	18
Chipping Sparrow						1		18	78			1		98
Clay-colored Sparrow									1					1
Song Sparrow	3	15	1		5	4	1	12	6			3	1	51
Lincoln's Sparrow									1					1
White-cr. Sparrow		8	12		1	1		2	5			1	4	34
Dark lored races					(1)									(1)
"Gambel's" race									(1)					(1)
Dark-eyed Junco	19		5	70		3				3	6			106
"Slate-col." race	(1)			(50)										(51)
"Oregon" race	(2)													(2)
"Pink-sided" race	(15)					(2)				(1)				(18)
"Gr.-headed" race	(1)			(20)		(1)				(2)				(24)
Red-winged Blackbird		80	50	10	25		45	90	153			10	4	467
Western Meadowlark	8	30	12		2	7	14	50	26	6		7	6	168
Yel.-headed Blackbird					2		8		97					107
Brewer's Blackbird								15	21					36
Common Grackle		30	10	20	10		2	2	46			6		126
Great-tailed Grackle		3							4					7
Br.-headed Cowbird							1		22				2	25
Gray-cr. Rosy-Finch				2										2
Black Rosy-Finch				1										1
Br.-cap. Rosy-Finch				75										75
Cassin's Finch				5							1			6
House Finch	4	6	4	20	2		2	4	3m	1	6		6	58
Red Crossbill											2			2
Pine Siskin				230							2		5	237
American Goldfinch					5		2	50				2	12	71
Evening Grosbeak											16			16
House Sparrow	2	4	4		3			2	30			2		47
TOT. INDIVIDUALS	203	562	630	561	446	122	329	837	1392	97	104	237	165	see
TOT. SPECIES	30	49	53	31	50	28	38	57	84	26	21	41	33	S&H

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APRIL 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units							
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	140	5,685	13	206	67.00	360.70	19.75
DFO FIELD TRIPS	132	5,082	9	84	54.00	330.70	14.50
TUESDAY BIRDERS	72	603	4	122	13.00	30.00	5.25
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 12 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 1 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 1							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: - (see table for details)							
White Ibis							

April Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
White Ibis	4/26	4/30	1	Barr Lake	Adams	Tony Leukering, MObs
Glossy Ibis	4/20		2	Drake Lake	Weld	Tina Jones
Greater Scaup	4/2	4/23	up to 6f, 7m	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones
Gunnison Sage Grouse	4/11		16m	Doyleville	Gunnison	Dan Bridges
Black-necked Stilt	4/28		1m	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner
American Woodcock	4/13	4/30	1 calling	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Stan Oswald, MObs
Short-eared Owl	4/8		2	152nd Ave & Quail Run Rd	Adams	Aaron Sell

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)
Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next months Lark Bunting.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

JUNE FIELD TRIPS

June 3, Saturday

Reynolds Park (REY)

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682

Meet leader at 0700 at the Park 'n Ride in the southwest quadrant of S. Wadsworth & Hampden Ave. (Hwy 285). Trip will also include Pine and Buffalo Creek. All day trip, bring lunch.

June 4, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAC)

Leader: J.B. Hayes, (303) 798-9683

Meet leader at 0700 at the new Visitor Center at the east entrance of the park. Trip will also include other Douglas County locations. State Parks pass required. Half day trip.

June 7, Wednesday

Apex Trail (APT)

Leader: Dick Schottler, (303) 278-8033

Meet leader at 0600 in the lower Heritage Square parking lot off CO 93 just north of U.S. 40. We will hike approximately five miles on a steep trail with an elevation gain of about 1,000'. Half day trip, bring lunch.

June 10, Saturday

Pawnee Grasslands (PAW)

Leader: Norm Lewis, (303) 988-5544

Meet leader at 0630 in the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Full day trip returning to Denver at about 6:00pm. Bring lunch and extra water. Carpooling required.

June 11, Sunday

Longmont/Lyons Area (LON)

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, (303) 772-6048

Meet leaders at 0700 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take Exit 240 (CO 119). Go west four miles to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to the park on the left. All day trip, bring lunch.

June 17, Saturday

Rocky Mountain National Park (ROM)

Leader: Buz Schaumberg, (303) 699-1721

Meet to carpool at 0615 at the Park 'n Ride at the northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd & W. 88th Ave. (next to the police station). Or meet leader at 0800 at Park

Visitor Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance. U.S. Park pass required. All day trip, bring lunch.

June 18, Sunday

Mt. Falcon Park (MTF)

Leader: Bob Brown, (303) 791-6204

Meet leader at 0700 in the upper main parking lot of the park. Walk slightly over five miles. Could be a strenuous hike. Lunch optional.

June 18, Sunday

Hack Ranch and Georgia Pass (HAC)

Leader: Carol Hack, (303) 777-7893

Meet to carpool at 0700 in the northwest corner of the parking lot at Albertson's on S. Sheridan just north of US 285. Or meet leader at 0830 on US 285 across from the Texaco station in Jefferson, CO. Walk two-three miles on moderate trails. All day trip, bring lunch.

June 25, Sunday

Belmar Historic Park & Sanctuary (BEL)

Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661

Meet at 0730 at the park at 800 S. Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave. and go into Inrgate parking lot near the lake. Walk about 2 1/2 miles on easy trail. Good trip for novice birders. Half day trip.

ADVANCE NOTICE - JULY OUT OF TOWN TRIP

July 1-3, Saturday-Monday

North Park, Including Walden, Arapaho NWR & Colorado State Forest

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682

Meet leader at 0900 Saturday, July 1 at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday and Sunday nights in Walden at the North Park Motel (970) 723-4271. You must make your own reservations and make them early! Camping available in primitive campground one mile north of town. State Parks pass required for Colorado State Forest. Bring lunches for three days. Please call leader with questions or if you plan to go.

June trips compiled by Lynn Willockson, (303) 757-7000.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

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☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

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_____ Regular Family Membership \$25.00
_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)
_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert
_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

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Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists

Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224-1249, 303-322-6589



THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 6

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY MAY 2000

May 1-5, Monday – Friday

Southeastern Colorado (including Otero, Crowley, Bent, Prowers, Kiowa counties, as well as Two Buttes Reservoir area of Baca County)

Leader: Brandon Percival. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Maggie Boswell, Tom Delaney, Todd Dilley, Patty Echemeyer, Lisa Edwards, Donna Emmons, Warren Finch, Bob Frager, Carol Fredricks, Ken Fredricks, Bob Goycoolea, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Dodie Hiatt, Loch Kilpatrick, Rachel Kolokoff, Randy Lentz, Gary Matthews, Bill Maynard, Virginia Maynard, Tim Mitzen, Jean Morgan, Diana Mullineaux, Ric Olson, Dale Peterson, David Quesenberry, Joe Roller, Gene Rutherford, Wendi Rutherford, Ira Sanders, Rosemary Scheuering, Steve Sheridan, Dave Silverman, Bob Spencer, Glenn Walbek, Chuck Walters, Clark Wilder, Larry Wilson, Sandra Zerbi, Vic Zerbi. **Time:** 0600-1800 each day. **Distance:** 375 miles by car, 10.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Southeastern Colorado plains, reservoirs, riparian, woodlots. **Weather:** Mostly clear and

sunny all week; wind 0-15 MPH.; temp 40-95 °F. **Totals:** 198 Species, 6,373 Individuals.

May 6, Saturday (DDT)

Doudy Draw Trail

Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster. **Observers:** Mary Geder, Peggy Roberts, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0815-1330. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Plains scrub & riparian, foothills riparian; elev. 5,700'. **Weather:** clear, warm; wind variable, 5-10 mph; temp. 60-70 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 289 Individuals.

May 7, Sunday (LON)

Longmont Area/Union Resv.

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. **Observers:** none. **Time:** 0700-1230. **Distance:** 63 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, prairie, fields; elev. 4,900'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clear; wind WNW, 0-20 mph; temp. 60-70 °F. **Totals:** 51 Species, 1,704 Individuals.

May 12-14, Friday-Sunday (BON)

Bonny Reservoir

Leader: Bob Righter. **Observers:** Ellie Baker, Mary Burger, Tom Burger, Jean Morgan, Sue Schulman, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-1800. **Distance:** 30.0 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Aquatic, deciduous forest,

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT COORDINATOR

Norm Erthal, 303-424-6747

sandsage; elev. 3,900'. **Weather:** Clear, partly cloudy, windy; wind NW, 10-40 mph; temp. 38-75 °F. **Totals:** 109 Species, 1,800 Individuals.

May 19-21, Friday-Sunday (CRL)
Crescent Lake NWR, Nebraska
Cancelled

May 20, Saturday (RIR)
Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Pete Deditz, Catherine Deditz, George Finnell, Molly Higgins, Don Minges, Betty Minges, Jack Reddall, Mark Reichel. **Time:** 0700-1600. **Distance:** 13.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grasslands, creeks, ponds, riparian woodlands, fields, sandhill sage brush; elev. 4,300'. **Weather:** Clear, sunny am; cloudy, sunny, breezy pm; wind NE, 0-10 mph; temp. 58-68 °F. **Totals:** 51 Species, 245 Individuals.

May 21, Sunday (CSP)
Colorado Springs area

Leader: David Laliberte. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Jean Morgan, Kathy Nelson, Vito Tursi. **Distance:** 212 miles by car, 1.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian-riverine, reservoir, small lakes, roadside-open fields, cholla flats; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, dry; wind ENE, 1-7 mph; temp. 49-76 °F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 434 Individuals.

May 27, Saturday (SSU)
Southwest Suburban

Leader: Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Jean Morgan, Beverlee Guild, Buz Schaumberg. **Time:** 0700-1530. **Distance:** 36 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Streams, lakes, scrub oak, & ponderosa pine; elev. 5,500-6,200'. **Weather:** Clear; wind variable, 5-10 mph; temp. 50-80 °F. **Totals:** 56 Species, 372 Individuals.

May 28, Sunday (SBT)
Stapleton Braille Trail

Leader: Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Rose Ann Bennett, Alberta Nelson. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 35 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, ponderosa forest; elev.

6,000-7,200. **Weather:** Clear, warm; wind S, SW, 1-5 mph; temp. 55-75 °F. **Totals:** 42 Species, 239 Individuals.

May 29, Monday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Peggy Roberts. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Sunny, clear; wind 4-7 mph; temp. 68-86 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 332 Individuals.

DFO SPRING COUNT FOR MAY 2000

May 11, Thursday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Don Beltz, Beverlee Guild, Liz Kreider. **Time:** 0715-1415. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; meadows, lakes, prairie; elev. 5,200'. **Weather:** Windy, cloudy & cold am; clear, windy pm; wind 20-30 mph; temp. 45-60 °F. **Totals:** 58 Species, 1,403 Individuals.

May 13, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Randy Lentz, Joe Roller. **Time:** 0530-1805. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 6.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, streams, cottonwoods; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind S, 5-10 mph; temp. 32-70 °F. **Totals:** 95 Species, 4559 Individuals.

May 13, Saturday (WAT)

Waterton, Downstream

Leader: Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** Jim Chaney, Dave Conant, Lynn Conant, Peter Gillette, Urling Kingery, Jean McClenathan, Richard Mendez, Deb Ostergard, Chris Owens, Tim Schowalter, Bill Turner, Scott Yarberry. **Time:** 0630-1430. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, marsh, ponds, grasslands; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** temp. 36-68 °F. **Totals:** 77 Species, 951 Individuals.

May 13, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek

Leader: Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Gail Evans, David Gillilan, Cecilia Greenman, David Laliberte, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz. **Time:** 0730-1430. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 5.7 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban parks & estates, reservoir, stream, riparian; elev. 5,200'. **Weather:** Mostly clear; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 50-74 °F. **Totals:** 66 Species, 916 Individuals.

May 13, Saturday (BSP)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Connie Brown, Dick Pratt, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0630-1630. **Distance:** 11 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian; elev. 5,200'. **Weather:** Mostly clear to partly cloudy; wind E, 0-5 mph; temp. 38-68 °F. **Totals:** 81 Species, 1,451 Individuals.

May 14, Sunday (CSP)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0500-1600. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** Clear am, overcast pm; wind 0-5 mph; temp. 25-70 °F. **Totals:** 61 Species, 699 Individuals.

May 14, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Glenda Brown, John Fox, Lorna Fox, Hugh Kingery, Randy Siebert, Karen von Saltza, Larry Wilson, Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0610-1730. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoirs, marshes, grassland; elev. 5,300'. **Weather:** Clear, cloudy; temp. 38-65 °F. **Totals:** 94 Species, 1,550 Individuals.

May 14, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** David Laliberte. **Time:** 0630-1600. **Distance:** 109 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Roadsides, fields-cultivated & "natural", irrigation ditches, marshy areas; elev. 5,125'.

Weather: Clear, overcast in late pm; wind calm early, gusty later, 0-18 mph; temp. 42-75 °F.
Totals: 81 Species, 2,015 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

May 2, Tuesday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 40.
Time: 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5,386'.
Weather: Clear; wind S, 0-5 mph; temp. 60-70 °F. **Totals:** 28 Species, 257 Individuals.

May 9, Tuesday (SPP)

South Platte Park.

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Dee Gielissen.
Observers: 33. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5,200'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind SW, 0-7 mph; temp. 54-72 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 340 Individuals.

May 16, Tuesday (BLS)

Barr Lake State Park.

Leader(s): Nelda Gamble and Ann Bonnell.
Observers: 35. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, prairie, agriculture; elev. 5,100'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind SW, 0-7 mph; temp. 65-80 °F. **Totals:** 53 Species, 581 Individuals.

May 23, Tuesday (ADP)

Audubon Discovery Pavilion, Chatfield Wetlands, and Platte River Downstream from Pavilion.

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32.
Time: 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, grassy fields, wetlands; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** Overcast; wind SW, 3-10 mph; temp 62-75 °F. **Totals:** 42 Species, 230 Individuals.

May 30, Tuesday (LOB)

Lair O'the Bear Jeffco Open Space Park.

Leader(s): Alice Kruse and Else Van Erp.

Observers: 28. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, some ponderosa pine and blue spruce; elev. 6,530'. **Weather:** Clear; wind light; temp. 64-74 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 262 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

NEW MEMBERS

None

CONTRIBUTIONS

None

CLASSES

"Colorado Bird Nesting, Behavior and Courtship- See Mountain Nesting Birds"
Classroom, Monday, June 26, 6:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Fieldtrip, Wed. June 28, 7:30 A.M.-all day. Fee required. To register, call Denver Museum of Natural History at 303-370-6304. Instructor, Tina Jones, 303-794-2647

"Hummingbirds of the Southwest, ID, Behavior, and Gardening". Visit a hummer garden!
Class, Thursday, July 27, 6:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Garden visit, Sunday, July 30, 6 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Fee required. Call Denver Museum of Natural History at 303-370-6303. Instructor, Tina Jones, 303-794-2647

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

REQUEST FOR OLD DFO MINUTES

Historian Warren Finch would like to obtain minutes for old DFO meetings. If you have minutes or know where some are please contact Warren at 303 233-3372, 455 Dover St., Lakewood, CO 80226.

MUSEUM CHANGES NAME

Effective immediately, the Denver Museum of Natural History will become the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. After carefully weighing research results and options, the Board of Trustees has concluded that the name of the Museum needs to more accurately reflect and describe its mission and extended focus. There will be no major changes in the actual operation.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE MAY 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY	
	1	6	7	12	20	21	27	28	29	2	9
	SOC	DOT	LON	BON	RIR	CSP	SSU	SBT	BAR	WRG	SPP
Red-throated Loon	1 (alt)										
Common Loon	2 (alt) (basic)					1					1
Pied-billed Grebe	6			2			1				1
Horned Grebe	1										
Eared Grebe	53		6	10							
Western Grebe	165		38	30		51					2
Clark's Grebe	301		15	2		1					
American White Pelican	140		39	20					1		
Double-crested Cormorant	151		8	20		1	1		2	5	8
American Bittern	1										
Bittern sp	3										
Great Blue Heron	31		4	6		2			6	4 (n)	4
Great Egret	3										
Snowy Egret	2										
Little Blue Heron											
Cattle Egret	16										
Green Heron	2										
Black-crowned Night-Heron	16		1							1	1
White-faced Ibis	81		9								
Turkey Vulture	25		2	20			5	2			
Greater White-fronted Goose	1										
Snow Goose	9										
Canada Goose	20	2	188	20		10	4	3	140	40(4 y)	15
Wood Duck	25			2			7				
Gadwall	55		6	15		28					17
American Wigeon	45			10		7					2
Mallard	101	3	22	10	4	14	11	4	16	18	28
Blue-winged Teal	66		2	25					2		
Cinnamon Teal	31		5						2		5
Northern Shoveler	120		7	10		23					
Northern Pintail	18								1		
Green-winged Teal	16		1	6						2	2
Canvasback				2							
Redhead	36		3	6		13					
Ring-necked Duck										1	1
Greater Scaup	1(m)										
Lesser Scaup	7			1		1(m)					
Bufflehead	2										
Hooded Merganser							2				
Common Merganser				1							1
Ruddy Duck	85		2	8							
Osprey	1		2					1			
Mississippi Kite	3										
Bald Eagle									2		
Northern Harrier	5		1	2							
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4									1	
Cooper's Hawk	2										
accipiter sp.											
Broad-winged Hawk	1 (i)										
Swainson's Hawk	29		2	1	2	1		2	2	1	
Red-tailed Hawk	5		3	3	1	2	1	3			1
western races							(1)				

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	1 SOC	6 DDT	7 LON	12 BON	20 RIR	21 CSP	27 SSU	28 SBT	29 BAR	2 WRG	9 SPP
Ferruginous Hawk	3		3								
buteo sp.						2					
Golden Eagle	1										
American Kestrel	30		12	2	2	1	4	5			3
Peregrine Falcon	2										
Chukar									1		
Ring-necked Pheasant	12		3	6	3						
Wild Turkey	1			15				1			
Scaled Quail	12										
Black Rail	3 (2h)										
Virginia Rail	8 (8 h)										
Sora	4 (4 h)										
American Coot	185		8	20		12	4			1	3
Black-bellied Plover	4			3							
Snowy Plover	2			1							
Semipalmated Plover	2										
Piping Plover	3										
Killdeer	54		4	6	4	5			2		8
Mountain Plover	5										
Black-necked Stilt	20										
American Avocet	7			2							
Greater Yellowlegs	1										
Lesser Yellowlegs	2			1							
Solitary Sandpiper	2										
Willet	35			4							
Spotted Sandpiper	5			40	3						
Upland Sandpiper	1										
Whimbrel	7			30							
Hudsonian Godwit				1							
Marbled Godwit	41			2							
Sanderling				5							
Semipalmated Sandpiper	3			2							
Western Sandpiper	2										
Least Sandpiper	20			6							
Baird's Sandpiper	12			2							
Peep sp	50										
Stilt Sandpiper	8			35							
Short-billed Dowitcher	77										
Long-billed Dowitcher											
Dowitcher sp	1										
Common Snipe	2		2								
American Woodcock	1										
Wilson's Phalarope	200			30		12					
Phalarope sp											
Franklin's Gull	61			10							
Bonaparte's Gull	1										
Ring-billed Gull	73			20		8					
California Gull	5										

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gull sp.											
Caspian Tern	1										
Forster's Tern	29			10							
Black Tern											
Rock Dove	60	4	9	1		9	3	10			
Eurasian Collared-dove	4										
Mourning Dove	75	6	63	60	20	13	17	4	8	4	15
Inca Dove	1										
Yellow-billed Cuckoo											
Greater Roadrunner	2										
Barn Owl	3										
Western Screech-Owl	1										
Eastern Screech-Owl	1										
Great Horned Owl	12				2						4 (2a,2i)
Burrowing Owl	17			1	3						
Lesser Nighthawk	1 (m)										
Common Nighthawk				8			1				
Common Poorwill	2										
Chimney Swift	32			1							
White-throated Swift		15									
Black-chinned Hummingbird								1			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1					6	15			
Belted Kingfisher	4		2	1		3	1			1	4
Lewis's Woodpecker	1										
Red-headed Woodpecker	1			15							
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4			2							
Williamson's Sapsucker								1			
Downy Woodpecker	6	1		8			2		1	2	
"Rocky Mountain" race							(2)				
"eastern" race				(8)							
Hairy Woodpecker	4										
Northern Flicker	11		3	15		3	9	1	1	10	10
"Yellow-shafted" race											
"Red-shafted" race	(11)		(3)			(3)	(9)	(1)	(1)		
Western Wood-Pewee						1	8		2		
Least Flycatcher	1				1						
Dusky Flycatcher	1										
Cordilleran Flycatcher											
empidonax sp.	1			1				5			
Say's Phoebe	4							1			
Vermillion Flycatcher	2 (1m, 1f)										
Western Kingbird	87		4	150	10	12	7		12		
Eastern Kingbird	2			40	1	3			8		
Loggerhead Shrike	6			6		3					

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE MAY 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY	
	1 SOC	6 DDT	7 LON	12 BON	20 RIR	21 CSP	27 SSU	28 SBT	29 BAR	2 WRG	9 SPP
Bell's Vireo											
Plumbeous Vireo						2	1				
Warbling Vireo	14			20	1	7		1			
Red-eyed Vireo											
Steller's Jay		1						2			
Blue Jay	24	2	1	15		2	1		1	2	1
Western Scrub-Jay	1						3				
Black-billed Magpie	35	25	14	1	1	5	13	6	6	10	15
American Crow	15		5	6		3	1	4		1	
Chihuahuan Raven	4										
Common Raven							2	2			
Horned Lark	15			30	15	6					
Tree Swallow	1						1	21			6
Violet-green Swallow		20					1	7			3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	8	10	7	40			1		6		30
Bank Swallow				15							
Cliff Swallow	325		9	20		3	81				
Barn Swallow	106	1	21	15	12	9	6	3	10		4
swallow sp.											
Black-capped Chickadee	14	5		4		7	5	8	1 (h)	8	13
Mountain Chickadee								3			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2										
White-breasted Nuthatch								2			
Rock Wren	4				1						
Canyon Wren	3										
Bewick's Wren	2										
House Wren	39	2	1	200	3	15	11	3	4		9
Marsh Wren				2							
American Dipper		1									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2										
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	5			1			6				2
Eastern Bluebird	1	2		1	1						
Western Bluebird											
Mountain Bluebird							6	2			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1										
Swainson's Thrush	12			2	1				2		
Hermit Thrush	3				2						
American Robin	66		44		5	9	12	13	6	16	20
Gray Catbird	3			1			3		1		
Northern Mockingbird	10			1	2	5					
Sage Thrasher				1							
Brown Thrasher	60			5	3						
Curve-billed Thrasher	1										
European Starling	255	15	35	10	7	7(a+y)	31	30	20	11	20

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY	
	1 SOC	6 DDT	7 LON	12 BON	20 RIR	21 CSP	27 SSU	28 SBT	29 BAR	2 WRG	9 SPP
American Pipit	1										
Cedar Waxwing	20			10							
Tennessee Warbler	1 (m)										
Orange-crowned Warbler	19										
Virginia's Warbler											
Northern Parula	1 (m)										
Yellow Warbler	8			30	1	9	9		4		2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	112	6		2	3	1(f)				2	1
"Myrtle" race					(2)						(1)
"Audubon's" race					(1)						
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1 (m)										
Black-throated Green Warbler	1 (m)										
Townsend's Warbler	1 (m)										
Blackpoll Warbler											
Black-and-white Warbler	6										
American Redstart											
Worm-eating Warbler	2										
Ovenbird	1										
Northern Waterthrush	3				1						
Mourning Warbler	1 (m)										
MacGillivray's Warbler	1 (m)				1						
Common Yellowthroat	8			40		3	2				
Wilson's Warbler	7			4	1						
Yellow-breasted Chat	5			1			2				
Summer Tanager	1 (m)										
Western Tanager	1 (m)					1 (m)	1	2			
Green-tailed Towhee	1				2						
Spotted Towhee	4	12				3	7				
Canyon Towhee	2										
Cassin's Sparrow	7										
Chipping Sparrow	85	30		20	3		4	5		1	
Clay-colored Sparrow	10			10							
Brewer's Sparrow	5				2						
Field Sparrow				2							
Vesper Sparrow	17	2			5		6				
Lark Sparrow	27			40	3	3	2				
Black-throated Sparrow	1										
Lark Bunting	65			20	12	8					
Savannah Sparrow				1							
Grasshopper Sparrow	1				2						
Song Sparrow		5	10			6	2			18	8
Lincoln's Sparrow	5			2	1						
White-throated Sparrow	2 (a)										
Harris's Sparrow	2 (a)										

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE MAY 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY	
	1	6	7	12	20	21	27	28	29		2	9
	SOC	DOT	LON	BON	RIR	CSP	SSU	SBT	BAR		WRG	SPP
White-crowned Sparrow Dark lored races "Gambel's" race	60		8	2	2			2				
Dark-eyed Junco "Slate-colored" race "Pink-sided" race "Gray-headed" race					(2)			6 (2) (4)				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3 (2m, 1f)											
Black-headed Grosbeak	1 (m)			1	4	1	5					
Blue Grosbeak				1								
Lazuli Bunting	3				1							
Indigo Bunting	1 (m)											
Bobolink												
Red-winged Blackbird	955		635	200	5	19	14	24	15		60	42
Western Meadowlark	82	30	48	40	6	12	5	6	2			5
Yellow-headed Blackbird	90		320	1								
Brewer's Blackbird	6					5						
Common Grackle	360	10	38	45	15	11	7	11	30		18	4
Great-tailed Grackle	26											
Bronzed Cowbird												
Brown-headed Cowbird	30	50	6	60	5	3	3	4	2			7
Orchard Oriole	1 (m)			10	4							
Baltimore Oriole	1 (m)			15								
Bullock's Oriole	4	2		2	3	8	9	1	10			1
House Finch	15	6	6	4	1	4	8	4			1	2
Pine Siskin	10											
Lesser Goldfinch	1											
American Goldfinch	167	20		40	2	11	1	2	1 (h)		6	2
Evening Grosbeak				6			2					
House Sparrow	55		17	6	50	4	4	6	2		12	7
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	6373	289	1704	1800	245	434	372	239	332		257	340
TOTAL SPECIES	198	29	51	109	51	58	56	42	36		28	44
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated											

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	16 BLS	23 ADP	30 LOB	11 CCR	13 CHA	13 WAT	13 LBC	13 BSP	14 CSP	14 RMA	14 BLP	
Red-throated Loon												1
Common Loon					1 (basic)		2					7
Pied-billed Grebe				1		2		4		11		28
Horned Grebe											1	2
Eared Grebe					18							87
Western Grebe	9			20	3		4	9			5	346
Clark's Grebe				1				1			5	326
American White Pelican	10			30	1	5	3	15		8	66	338
Double-crested Cormorant	53	12		15	5	15	82	95		17	81	571
American Bittern											1	2
Bittern sp												3
Great Blue Heron	15	6		4	8	12	19	31	2	12	29	195
Great Egret												3
Snowy Egret								3		6	1	12
Little Blue Heron										1(l)		1
Cattle Egret								1				17
Green Heron												2
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3			8	3(a)		2	3				38
White-faced Ibis				10	1	5		2		12	12	132
Turkey Vulture				1	3	6			22			86
Greater White-fronted Goose												1
Snow Goose												9
Canada Goose	11(3 y)	8		25	30	20	19	84		51 (y)	32	722
Wood Duck					2 (1m,1f)	1				2		39
Gadwall				2	2	37	18	26		70	28	304
American Wigeon						4				6	10	84
Mallard	12	7	7	30	25	31	36	42	6	94	66	587
Blue-winged Teal	4			1	2	2	2	14		22	4	146
Cinnamon Teal	2				6	4	4	6		5	19	89
Northern Shoveler	11			1		1	3	20		27	11	234
Northern Pintail							4	2		2	7	34
Green-winged Teal					8	2	3			10	9	59
Canvasback						2						4
Redhead										32	6	96
Ring-necked Duck						2				6		10
Greater Scaup												1
Lesser Scaup	3				2 (1m,1f)			1		5		20
Bufflehead							3					5
Hooded Merganser												2
Common Merganser					6 (4m,2f)	6	2					16
Ruddy Duck								3			2	100
Osprey	1				1							6
Mississippi Kite												3
Bald Eagle	5 (3y)							2			1 (a)	10
Northern Harrier											1	9
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1				1			1		9
Cooper's Hawk				1	2(n)							5
accipiter sp.					1							1
Broad-winged Hawk												1
Swainson's Hawk	3			3			1	6	1	6	22	82
Red-tailed Hawk western races	7	2	3	2	3 (3a,1i)	5	1	5	3	11	4	65 (1)

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	16 BLS	23 ADP	30 LOB	11 CCR	13 CHA	13 WAT	13 LBC	13 BSP	14 CSP	14 RMA	14 BLP		
Ferruginous Hawk										2	2	10	
buteo sp.				1								3	
Golden Eagle										1(l)		2	
American Kestrel	3	2 (n)	1	2	2	4	2	5	2	5	4	91	
Peregrine Falcon					1	1						4	
Chukar												1	
Ring-necked Pheasant				4 (h)	1(h)			4		13	2	48	
Wild Turkey												17	
Scaled Quail												12	
Black Rail												3	
Virginia Rail					6	2				5	2	23	
Sora						2	2 (h)	1		5	1 (h)	15	
American Coot	3			6	5			22		7	3	279	
Black-bellied Plover												7	
Snowy Plover												3	
Semipalmated Plover					3							5	
Piping Plover												3	
Killdeer	7			5	5	3	6	11	4	22 (y)	23	169	
Mountain Plover												5	
Black-necked Stilt												20	
American Avocet					2	2				2 (n)	2	17	
Greater Yellowlegs												1	
Lesser Yellowlegs												3	
Solitary Sandpiper					1							3	
Willet							1					40	
Spotted Sandpiper	5			3		3	17	25	1	6		108	
Upland Sandpiper					5							6	
Whimbrel								1				38	
Hudsonian Godwit												1	
Marbled Godwit												43	
Sanderling												5	
Semipalmated Sandpiper												5	
Western Sandpiper												2	
Least Sandpiper							5					31	
Baird's Sandpiper												14	
Peep sp						1						51	
Stilt Sandpiper												43	
Short-billed Dowitcher												77	
Long-billed Dowitcher				4							10	14	
Dowitcher sp												1	
Common Snipe					1	1					2	8	
American Woodcock												1	
Wilson's Phalarope				2	3					17	64	328	
Phalarope sp										6		6	
Franklin's Gull				3	7			70				151	
Bonaparte's Gull												1	
Ring-billed Gull	2			5	10	1	36	175			306	636	
California Gull				5	1(2nd yr)		20	1				32	

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	16 BLS	23 ADP	30 LOB	11 CCR	13 CHA	13 WAT	13 LBC	13 BSP	14 CSP	14 RMA	14 BLP	
gull sp.				10		17						27
Caspian Tern								1				2
Forster's Tern								3		2	8	52
Black Tern								8			2	10
Rock Dove	13	6		1	4	12	56	22	7	6	12	235
Eurasian Collared-dove												4
Mourning Dove	6	7	3	6	32	15	21	34	28	146	56	639
Inca Dove												1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo								1				1
Greater Roadrunner												2
Barn Owl										2		5
Western Screech-Owl												1
Eastern Screech-Owl												1
Great Horned Owl					2			1	2	5 (3y)	1 (y)	29
Burrowing Owl										2	6	29
Lesser Nighthawk												1
Common Nighthawk												9
Common Poorwill									2 (h)			4
Chimney Swift												33
White-throated Swift									4			19
Black-chinned Hummingbird												1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1	1	13		11 (8m, 3f)	7 (n)			2			57
Belted Kingfisher		1		1	4	4	4	1		2	2	35
Lewis's Woodpecker												1
Red-headed Woodpecker												16
Red-bellied Woodpecker												6
Williamson's Sapsucker												1
Downy Woodpecker				1	7	3		1	2	7		41
"Rocky Mountain" race												(2)
"eastern" race												(8)
Hairy Woodpecker					1					1		5
Northern Flicker	1	9	3 (n)	5	12	14	11	8	8	11	2	147
"Yellow-shafted" race												(0)
"Red-shafted" race				(5)	(12)	(14)	(11)	(8)	(8)	(11)	(2)	(99)
Western Wood-Pewee	1	3	2	1	2					1		21
Least Flycatcher					2 (c)							4
Dusky Flycatcher												1
Cordilleran Flycatcher			8									8
Empidonax sp.					3	2		1		1	1	15
Say's Phoebe	1					2	1					9
Vermillion Flycatcher												2
Western Kingbird	18	5		25	9	6	4	28		43	59	479
Eastern Kingbird	8	1			6	1	2	7	2	8	7	96
Loggerhead Shrike					1					1	2	19

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	16 BLS	23 ADP	30 LOB	11 CCR	13 CHA	13 WAT	13 LBC	13 BSP	14 CSP	14 RMA	14 BLP	
Belt's Vireo											1	1
Plumbeous Vireo			1		2(s)	1			8			15
Warbling Vireo		1	18		3	8		3	3	1	1	81
Red-eyed Vireo					1(g)							1
Steller's Jay			4						8			15
Blue Jay	3				1		2	2	1	7	4	69
Western Scrub-Jay						1			5			10
Black-billed Magpie		11		30	22	4	18	18	12	63	18	327
American Crow	2	4		15	3	1	3		7	3	8	81
Chihuahuan Raven												4
Common Raven			1		1				3			9
Horned Lark					2						18	86
Tree Swallow	2		6	2	12	50		6	18	11	1	137
Violet-green Swallow			28	5	3000	200	83	2	106			3455
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		3	2		6	13	6	4	12	2		150
Bank Swallow		6	2		1							28
Cliff Swallow	50		1	100	500	7	37	21	20	84	185	1443
Barn Swallow	10		2	100	150	4	26	60	3	14	27	583
swallow sp.				500								500
Black-capped Chickadee	4	12	12	1	12	17	16	9	12	5	3	168
Mountain Chickadee									13			16
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1						9			12
White-breasted Nuthatch			1						3			6
Rock Wren					1		3	1	5	4		19
Canyon Wren									3			6
Bowick's Wren												2
House Wren	7	10	9	2 (1h)	140	93	4	33	28	46	11	670
Marsh Wren						1						3
American Dipper		2	5			1			2			11
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1							3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					16				11			41
Eastern Bluebird												5
Western Bluebird									12			12
Mountain Bluebird									34			42
Gray-cheeked Thrush												1
Swainson's Thrush								4		4		25
Hermit Thrush	1							1	1			8
American Robin	12	4	22	20	26	10	63	28	32	37	26	471
Gray Catbird		1	12		4	3						28
Northern Mockingbird										3		21
Sage Thrasher												1
Brown Thrasher												68
Curve-billed Thrasher												1
European Starling	8		3	55	30	15	37	34	20	89	106	838

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	16 BLS	23 ADP	30 LOB	11 CCR	13 CHA	13 WAT	13 LBC	13 BSP	14 CSP	14 RMA	14 BLP	
American Pipit							5	1				7
Cedar Waxwing	1	6	6									43
Tennessee Warbler												1
Orange-crowned Warbler						1				1		21
Virginia's Warbler									2			2
Northern Parula												1
Yellow Warbler	13	20	15	3	48	89	8	12	3	22	5	301
Yellow-rumped Warbler				1	10	2	1	5		9	2	157
"Myrtle" race												(3)
"Audubon's" race				(1)	(10)	(2)	(1)	(5)		(9)	(1)(m)	(30)
Black-throated Gray Warbler												1
Black-throated Green Warbler												1
Townsend's Warbler												1
Blackpoll Warbler					1 (m,s)							1
Black-and-white Warbler												6
American Redstart					1 (m,s)	4						5
Worm-eating Warbler												2
Ovenbird												1
Northern Waterthrush												4
Mourning Warbler					1(1st yr m)							2
MacGillivray's Warbler			1							2		5
Common Yellowthroat	5	1		3	4	2		4		3	10	85
Wilson's Warbler								2		1		15
Yellow-breasted Chat		5			10	15						38
Summer Tanager												1
Western Tanager				1	8	2	6	1		4		27
Green-tailed Towhee			1		4	1		2		13	1	25
Spotted Towhee		2	6		15	12	1		30	6		98
Canyon Towhee												2
Cassin's Sparrow										3		10
Chipping Sparrow	3	4			1		3	15	3	107	3	287
Clay-colored Sparrow										1		21
Brewer's Sparrow						1	3	1			1	13
Field Sparrow												2
Vesper Sparrow					3		4		16	2	3	58
Lark Sparrow	1	2			4	3	2			4	7	98
Black-throated Sparrow												1
Lark Bunting										1	10	116
Savannah Sparrow										3		4
Grasshopper Sparrow										3		6
Song Sparrow		11	5	8	13	18	6	17	10		6	143
Lincoln's Sparrow										1		9
White-throated Sparrow												2
Harris's Sparrow												2

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White-crowned Sparrow	1				1	1	5	5		2	6	95
Dark lored races								(3)				(3)
"Gambel's" race					(1)			(2)			(1)	(6)
Dark-eyed Junco									3	1		10
"Slate-colored" race												(2)
"Pink-sided" race												(4)
"Gray-headed" race									(3)	(1)		(4)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak								1				5
Black-headed Grosbeak		4	5						17	1		39
Blue Grosbeak												1
Lazuli Bunting		4	1		2 (m,s)	1			2	1		15
Indigo Bunting												1
Bobolink									5			5
Red-winged Blackbird	160	8		50	45	28	54	150	54	59	274	2851
Western Meadowlark	10	8		25	42	10	3	11	25	67	48	485
Yellow-headed Blackbird	8						1	26		46	66	558
Brewer's Blackbird				75	4	4			11			105
Common Grackle	43	7		100	30	15	40	130		17	61	992
Great-tailed Grackle								1			18	45
Bronzed Cowbird												0
Brown-headed Cowbird	3	8	10	6	27	13	8	9	14	5	23	296
Orchard Oriole												15
Baltimore Oriole		7										23
Bullock's Oriole	8		3	3	26	14	6	14		25	6	145
House Finch	2		19	10	3	3	32	2	4	13 (n)	11	150
Pine Siskin									2			12
Lesser Goldfinch		4	12		2							19
American Goldfinch	2	4	7	18	29	16	14	2	9	4	3	360
Evening Grosbeak												8
House Sparrow	4			25		2	19	8		4	40	265
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	581	230	262	1403	4559	951	916	1451	699	1550	2015	27,002
TOTAL SPECIES	53	42	40	58	95	77	66	81	61	94	81	240
OBSERVATION LEGEND:												
a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, + =also in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated												

MAY 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units							
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	240	27,002	22	293	199.25	971	82.7
DFO FIELD TRIPS	227	11,788	9	82	105.8	764.0	28.0
SPRING BIRD COUNT	166	13,544	8	43	76.5	202.0	38.7
TUESDAY BIRDERS	88	1,670	5	168	17.0	5.0	16.0
IDENTIFIED FORMS: - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 8 RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 12							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							
Red-throated Loon, Little Blue Heron, Black Rail, Hudsonian Godwit, Short-billed Dowitcher, American Woodcock, Eurasian Collared-dove, Lesser Nighthawk, Vermilion Flycatcher, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Worm-eating Warbler, Mourning Warbler							

May Additional Reports

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Species	Date(s)	Num./plum.	Location	County	Observer(s)
Red-throated Loon	5/3 - 5/21	1 alt	John Martin Res.	Bent	BKP, TL, LS, CLW, m.ob.
Least Bittern	5/14 - 5/15	1 c	West of Ft. Lyon	Bent	BKP, MJ, CLW, m.ob.
Little Blue Heron	5/10	1 ad, 1 i	Adobe Creek Res.	Bent	BKP, CLW, m.ob.
Glossy Ibis	5/22	1	north of Kersey	Weld	KS
Glossy Ibis	5/23	1 ad	north of Grover	Weld	CLW
Surf Scoter	5/12 - 5/17	1 ad f	Rocky Ford S.T.P.	Otero	RO, DQ, BKP, MJ, CLW, m.ob.
Osprey	5/14	1	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
Bald Eagle	5/12	1 fs	Marston Res.	Denver	TJ
Broad-winged Hawk	5/9	1 ad	Nee Noshe Res.	Kiowa	CLW
Broad-winged Hawk	5/14	1 i	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
Broad-winged Hawk	5/14	1 ad	Fort Lyon WE	Bent	BKP, MJ
Broad-winged Hawk	5/20	1 c first-yr.	Platte R. & Hwy 37	Weld	VR
Broad-winged Hawk	5/24	1 i	Crow Valley CG	Weld	JF, CLW, m.ob.
Black Rail	5/1 - 5/26	up to 17	Ft Lyon area	Bent	BKP, CLW, DQ, m.ob.
Black Rail	5/23	2	Bent's Fort Marsh	Otero	SO
Common Moorhen	5/7 - 5/21	1 c	near Ft. Lyon	Bent	SSe, BKP, CLW, TL, m.ob.
Am. Golden-Plover	5/9 - 5/10	1 molting into alt	Great Plains Res.	Kiowa	TL; BKP, CLW
Black-necked Stilt	5/10	1	Chatfield Res.	Jefferson	JK
Upland Sandpiper	5/2	5	near Pritchett	Baca	DF, TL, CLW, m.ob.
Upland Sandpiper	5/7	1 c flyover	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	BKP, SSe
Whimbrel	5/1	3	Upper Queens Res.	Kiowa	CLW, TL, DF, m.ob.
Whimbrel	5/18	1	John Martin Res.	Bent	CLW
Whimbrel	5/20	1	CR 124 & Porter Cr.	Weld	VR
Ruddy Turnstone	5/6	1	John Martin Res.	Bent	MJ, m.ob.
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/19 - 5/20	1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	TL, CLW, m.ob.
Pectoral Sandpiper	5/10	1	Upper Queens Res.	Kiowa	CLW, BKP
Pectoral Sandpiper	5/21	1	Upper Queens Res.	Kiowa	CLW, TL, LS
Dunlin	5/7	1	Sheridan Lake	Kiowa	CLW
Short-billed Dowitcher	5/6	1 hendersonii	Lake Henry	Crowley	TJ, P&VP
Short-billed Dowitcher	5/21	1 hendersonii	Rocky Ford S.T.P.	Otero	CLW, LS, TL
American Woodcock	5/1 - 5/10	1 c&d	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	SO, JK, SSt, m.ob.
Bonaparte's Gull	5/1 - 5/25 1 - 4		Upper Queens Res.	Kiowa	JK, CLW, NE, TL, LS, BKP.
Caspian Tern	5/26	2 ad	Lake Cheraw	Otero	BKP, TB
White-winged Dove	5/10	1	Campo	Baca	TL, m.ob.
Spotted Owl	5/21	1	Wet Mountains	Pueblo	CLW, TL, LS
Lesser Nighthawk	5/6	1 m	Lamar Cemetery	Prowers	BKP, MJ, m.ob.
Black Swift	5/20	1	Old San Isabel Rd.	Pueblo	TL, CLW
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5/2	1 s	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	SO
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5/28 - 5/29	1 s	Pueblo	Pueblo	MJ, VJ

(MJ provided excellent details). This would be a first Colorado record, if accepted by the Colorado Birds Records Committee.

Species	Date(s)	Num./plum.	Location	County	Observer(s)
Gray Flycatcher	5/15	1	Lamar High School	Prowers	CLW, JK, NE
Gray Flycatcher	5/23	1	15 mi n. of CVCG	Weld	CLW
Black Phoebe	5/20 - 5/28	1	Burnt Mill Road	Pueblo	CLW, TL; I.S., BKP, m.ob.
Eastern Phoebe	5/20 - 5/28 up to 3 (1 nest)		Burnt Mill Road	Pueblo	CLW, TL; BKP, m.ob.
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/6 - 5/26	1	Lamar CC-Prowers	BKP, CLW, m.ob.	
White-eyed Vireo	5/21	1 s	Wheat Ridge GB	Jefferson	KS, m.ob.
Bell's Vireo	5/10	1 s	Lamar CC	Prowers	BKP, CLW
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/3	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	DS
Cassin's Vireo	5/26	1	Crow Valley CG	Weld	JR, DQ, RO, m.ob.
Blue-headed Vireo	5/27	1	Crow Valley CG	Weld	BB, m.ob.
Veery	5/9	1	Lamar CC Prowers	BKP	
Veery	5/10	2	Nee Noshe Res.	Kiowa	BKP, CLW
Veery	5/14	1	Lamar High School	Prowers	MJ, m.ob.
Veery	5/20	1	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	CLW, TL
Veery	5/23 - 5/24	total of 3	Crow Valley CG	Weld	CLW, m.ob.
Veery	5/23 - 5/24	total of 4	small woodlots	Weld	CLW
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/21	1	Hasty Campground	Bent	MJ
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/23	1	Crow Valley CG	Weld	CLW
Blue-winged Warbler	5/20	1 sm	Ark. R. in Pueblo	Pueblo	BKP, MJ, m.ob.
Golden-winged Warbler	5/5	1 f	Lake Henry	Crowley	BB
Golden-winged Warbler	5/7	1 sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	BKP, MJ, m.ob.
Tennessee Warbler	5/5	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	BB
Tennessee Warbler	5/14	1 f	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
Tennessee Warbler	5/20	2 f	Pueblo	Pueblo	MJ
Tennessee Warbler	5/20	1 f	Ark. R. in Pueblo	Pueblo	MJ
Nashville Warbler	5/7	1 sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	BKP, MJ, m.ob.
Nashville Warbler	5/9	1 sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW, TL; BKP, m.ob.
Nashville Warbler	5/11	1 sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
Nashville Warbler	5/20	1 sm	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	CLW, TL, m.ob.
Northern Parula	5/4	1 m	Chutfield Res.	Douglas	JK
Northern Parula	5/7	1 sm	Lamar CC Prowers	BKP, m.ob.	
Northern Parula	5/9	1 fs m	Lamar CC Prowers	BKP	
Northern Parula	5/13 - 5/20	1 sm	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	BKP, m.ob.
Northern Parula	5/20	1 m	Crow Valley CG	Weld	BB, VR
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/6	1 m	Lamar CC Prowers	BKP, m.ob.	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/9	1 m	Nee Noshe Res.	Kiowa	CLW
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/14	1 sm	Lamar CC Prowers	DAL; MJ, CLW, m.ob.	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/20 - 5/22	1 s m	Crow Valley CG	Weld	KS, VR, m.ob.
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/27	1	Crow Valley CG	Weld	BB
Magnolia Warbler	5/14	1 f	Lamar CC Prowers	DAL; BKP, MJ, m.ob.	
Magnolia Warbler	5/20	1 f	Crow Valley CG	Weld	VR, BB
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	5/7 - 5/10	1 sm	Lamar High School	Prowers	MJ; BKP, CLW, m.ob.
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	5/20	1 sm	Ark. R. in Pueblo	Pueblo	MJ
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	5/20	1 sm	Wheat Ridge GB	Jefferson	NE
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	5/13	1 f	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	BKP, m.ob.
Black-thr. Green Warbler	5/4	1 ad sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	TL, CLW; BKP, m.ob.
Townsend's Warbler	5/10	1 f	Rd JJ & Rd 17.5	Bent	BKP, CLW
Townsend's Warbler	5/12	1 ad m	Ft. Lyon WE	Bent	CLW, m.ob.
Blackburnian Warbler	5/20	1 f	Crow Valley CG	Weld	BB, m.ob.
Pine Warbler	5/25 - 5/26	1 sm	Lamar Cemetery	Prowers	BKP, TB
Prairie Warbler	5/14	1 sm	Road JJ & 16	Bent	BKP, MJ, m.ob.
Palm Warbler	5/3	1 ad western	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW, TL
Palm Warbler	5/21	1 ad western	Nee Noshe Res.	Kiowa	BKP, MJ
Bay-breasted Warbler	5/21	1 fs f	Lamar Cemetery	Prowers	BKP
Bay-breasted Warbler	5/24	1 ad f	Crow Valley CG	Weld	CLW, JF
Bay-breasted Warbler	5/28	1 f	Crow Valley CG	Weld	JR, DQ
Blackpoll Warbler	5/4	1 sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
Blackpoll Warbler	5/9	1 sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	AP, CLW, TL; BKP, m.ob.
Blackpoll Warbler	5/11	1 sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
Blackpoll Warbler	5/14	1 sm	Rd JJ & Rd 16	Bent	BKP, MJ
Blackpoll Warbler	5/24	1 sm	Crow Valley CG	Weld	CLW
Black-and-white Warbler	5/4	1 m	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW, TL; BKP, m.ob.
Black-and-white Warbler	5/5	1 m	Nee Noshe Res.	Kiowa	JK, SS; BKP, m.ob.
Black-and-white Warbler	5/6	1 f	Lake Henry	Crowley	BKP, m.ob.
Black-and-white Warbler	5/11	1 sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
Black-and-white Warbler	5/14	1 fs sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW, BKP, MJ
Black-and-white Warbler	5/15	1 ad sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW, JK, NE
Black-and-white Warbler	5/24	1 ad sm	Crow Valley CG	Weld	JF, CLW, m.ob.

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American Redstart	5/1 - 5/24	12+ reports	plains locations	various	BKP, CLW, TL, BB, m.ob.
<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	5/21	1 sm	Rocky Ford	Otero	SO
<u>Worm-eating Warbler</u>	5/5	1 ad	Rd JJ & Rd 17.5	Bent	JK, SS; BKP, m.ob.
<u>Worm-eating Warbler</u>	5/19	1 ad	Fountain Creek R.P.	El Paso	MJ
Ovenbird	5/11	1 ad	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
Ovenbird	5/14	1 ad	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
Ovenbird	5/14	1 ad	Lamar CC Prowers	BKP, MJ	CLW, m.ob.
Ovenbird	5/14	1 ad	Lamar High School	Prowers	CLW, DAL, MJ, m.ob.
Ovenbird	5/21	1 ad	Hasty Campground	Bent	BKP, MJ
Ovenbird	5/22	1	Crow Valley CG	Weld	KS, m.ob.
Northern Waterthrush	5/1 - 5/24	23+ reports	plains locations	various	BKP, CLW, KS, TL, BB, VR
<u>Kentucky Warbler</u>	5/14	1 sm	Lamar CC	Prowers	DAL; BKP, MJ, CLW, m.ob.
<u>Kentucky Warbler</u>	5/14	1 sm	Wheat Ridge GB	Jefferson	NE
<u>Mourning Warbler</u>	5/9	1 ad m	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW, TL
<u>Mourning Warbler</u>	5/14	1 ad	Rd JJ & Rd 17.5	Bent	CLW
<u>Mourning Warbler</u>	5/14	1 m	Lamar High School	Prowers	MJ, m.ob.
Hooded Warbler	5/7	1 m	Lake Henry	Crowley	RO, DQ, m.ob.
Hooded Warbler	5/8	2	Chatfield Res.	Douglas	JK
Hooded Warbler	5/15	1 f	Lamar CC	Prowers	CLW
Hooded Warbler	5/23	1 f	Crow Valley CG	Weld	DS, BB, CLW
<u>Hepatic Tanager</u>	5/14	1 f	Lamar Cemetery	Prowers	DAL
<u>Hepatic Tanager</u>	5/19	1 m	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	TL, CLW
Summer Tanager	5/2	1 fs m	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	TL, CLW, DF, AP, m.ob.
Summer Tanager	5/18	1 fs m	Rd JJ & Rd 17.5	Bent	CLW
Summer Tanager	5/31	1 sm	Pueblo	Pueblo	MJ
<u>Scarlet Tanager</u>	5/16	1 sm	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	CLW
<u>Scarlet Tanager</u>	5/20	1 f	Ark. R. in Pueblo	Puebl	MJ
<u>Scarlet Tanager</u>	5/21	1 m	Lamar CC	Prowers	BKP, MJ
<u>Scarlet Tanager</u>	5/22	1 m	Crow Valley CG	Weld	KS, m.ob.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/4 - 5/24	12+	plains locations	various	BKP, CLW, TJ, TL, m.ob.
Painted Bunting	5/7	1 ad m	Hasty Campground	Bent	BKP, MJ, m.ob.

Abbreviations:

ad = adult, c = calling, c&d = calling & displaying, cr. = creek, f = female, fs = first spring, i = immature, m = male, s = singing, sm = singing male, alt = alternate plumage (i.e. breeding). Ark. = Arkansas, CC = Community College, CG = Campground, CVCG = Crow Valley Campground, GB = Greenbelt, Rd. = Road, R.P. = Regional Park, Res. = Reservoir, S.T.P. = R. = River, S.T. P = Sewage Treatment Plant, SWA = State Wildlife Area, WE = Wildlife Easement.

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Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next month's Lark Bunting.

May Additional Reports

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

JULY FIELD TRIPS

July 1-3, Saturday-Monday

North Park, Including Walden, Arapaho NWR & Colorado State Forest

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682

Meet leader at 0900 Saturday, July 1 at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday and Sunday nights in Walden at the North Park Motel (970) 723-4271. You must make your own reservations and make them early!

Camping available in primitive campground one mile north of town. State Parks pass required for Colorado State Forest. Bring lunches for three days. Please call leader with questions or if you plan to go.

July 1, Saturday

Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOG)

Leader: Paula Hansley, (303) 642-3361

Meet leader at 0730 at the Park Visitor Center. Peak of fledging season. Easy trails. Half day trip. Bring lunch and plan to eat at leaders' home as we look for Band-tailed Pigeon and early Rufous Hummingbird. State Parks Pass required.

July 2, Sunday

Genesee Mountain Park (GMP)

Leader: Diana Mullineaux, (303) 278-7245

Meet leader at 0730 at Park 'n Ride at east side of Union Blvd, just south of W. 6th Ave. Good trip for novice birders. Expect to see families of mountain birds. Half day trip.

July 8, Saturday

Castle Pines North (CPN)

Leaders: Bridget Milnes, (303) 660-4986/Gail Evans, (303) 758-2231

Twilight walk with the birds. Bring sack supper, beverage and dessert provided. Participants limited to ten. Call Bridget for details and to reserve a spot.

July 9, Sunday

Rocky Mountain National Park (ROM)

Leader: Bob Richter, (303) 692-8529

Meet leader at 0800 at Park Visitor Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance. Focus will be on breeding birds at lower elevations. U.S. Parks Pass required. Full day trip, bring lunch. Call leader if you have questions.

July 15, Saturday

Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes (FIL)

Leader: Lynn Wilcockson, (303) 757-7000

Meet at 0730 to carpool at Park 'n Ride on east side of Union Blvd, just south of W. 6th Ave. or meet leader at Filius Park. To get to the park from I-70 West use Evergreen exit, then take first Bergen Park exit, then right to Filius Park. Full day trip, bring lunch.

July 16, Sunday

Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch Park (DCC)

Leader: J.B. Hayes, (303) 798-9683

Meet at 0700 at S. Wadsworth & Deer Creek Canyon Rd. (first traffic light south of C-470 on S. Wadsworth). Trip should garner over 50 species. Bring lunch, trip will end mid-afternoon.

July 22, Saturday

Lyons & Peaceful Valley (LYO)

Leaders: Inez and Bill Prather, (303) 776-2191

Meet at 0730 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to the park. Trip will focus on flycatchers and other foothills and mountain species. Hope to see Fox Sparrow. Bring lunch.

July 23, Sunday

Parker Regional Park (PRP)

Leader: Dave Quesenberry, (303) 796-7603

Meet at 0800 in park parking lot. From intersection of Main Street & Hwy 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Indian Pipe Lane to parking area. Half day trip, bring lunch.

July 29, Saturday

Red Rocks & Upper Bear Creek (RER)

Leader: Norm Lewis, (303) 988-5544

Meet leader at 0700 at Red Rocks Trading Post. Excellent variety of habitats. Full day trip, bring lunch.

July 30, Sunday

Pine Valley Ranch Park & Buffalo Creek (PVR)

Leader: Ira Sanders, (303) 278-7172

Meet leader at 0700 at Park 'n Ride on east side of Union Blvd. just south of W. 6th Ave. Full day trip, bring lunch.

July trips compiled by Patty Echelmeyer, (303) 233-4947

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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Speaker: Bill Turner

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JUNE 2000

June 3, Saturday (REY)

Reynolds Park, Buffalo, and Pine Valley

Leader: Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Don Beltz, Kathy Dunning, Jeff Dunning, Alisa Dunning, Jean Frazier. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain streams, evergreen pine to spruce, scrub hillside, burned area. **Weather:** Mostly clear; wind SW, 5-10 MPH.; temp 65-75 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 111 Individuals.

June 4, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes. **Observers:** Beverlee Guild, Pam Reed, Chris Stoner. **Time:** 0700 - 1300. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrub, meadows, willow riparian; elev. 5,900'. **Weather:** Mild, overcast to partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 51-68 °F. **Totals:** 59 Species, 621 Individuals.

June 7, Sunday (APT)

Apex Trail

Leader: Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Cal Frazier, Jean Frazier, Jean Morgan, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0600-1230. **Distance:** 5.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills scrub.

Weather: Clear; wind variable, 0-20 mph; temp. 65-90 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 172 Individuals.

June 10, Saturday (PAW)

Pawnee National Grasslands

Leader: Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Ethan Carr, Jim Duggan, Jane Haddock, Charlie Lawrence, Jack Reddall, Marian Scena, Karleen Schofield, Ellen Swanson, Sally Thompson. **Time:** 0630-1730. **Distance:** 220 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie grasslands, riparian woodland, ponds, wetlands, reservoir. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, becoming cloudy with rain; wind variable, 0-20 mph. **Totals:** 78 Species, 3050 Individuals.

June 11, Sunday (LON)

Longmont/Lyons Area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Ellie Baker, Chuck Lowrie, Eleise Miller, Dick Pratt, Joe Roller. **Time:** 0700-1430. **Distance:** 60 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, prairie, foothills, agricultural; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Sunny and clear; wind calm; temp. 60-85 °F. **Totals:** 72 Species, 846 Individuals.

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June 17, Saturday (ROM)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg. Observers:

Richard Mendez, Chris Owens. Time: 0800-1600. Distance: 3 miles by car, 2 miles on foot.

Habitat: Lake, riparian, meadow, coniferous forest, Aspen groves; elev. 7500-8500'.

Weather: Snow-clear; wind calm, 8-12 mph; temp. 35-50 °F. Totals: 55 Species, 329 Individuals.

June 18, Sunday (MTF)

Mt. Falcon Park

Leader: Bob Brown. Observers: Lea Ann

Brown. Time: 0700-1100. Distance: 0 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Foothills

pine forest, open meadow, south facing rocky slope; elev. 7,500'. Weather: Clear early, some high clouds late; wind calm; temp. 65-70 °F.

Totals: 35 Species, 141 Individuals.

June 24, Saturday (HAC)

Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass, and Milligan Lakes

Leader(s): Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins.

Observers: George Armbrust, Les Konicki, Jeannie Konicki, Kody Konicki. Time: 0830-1600. Distance: 37.5 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. Habitat: elev. 9,500-11,000. Weather: Partly cloudy; wind S, calm-30 mph; temp. 50-80 °F. Totals: 54 Species, 429 Individuals.

June 25, Sunday (BEL)

Belmar Historic Park and Sanctuary

Leader: Karleen Schofield. Observers: Carol Blackard, Scott Blackard, Sheila Duvall, Peggy Gonder, Beverlee Guild, Tobin Houser, Chuck Lowrie. Time: 0730-1120. Distance: 7 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Urban park, lake, wetlands, riparian; elev. 5,440'. Weather: Sunny, partly cloudy; wind calm; temp. 65-85 °F. Totals: 36 Species, 452 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

June 6, Tuesday (SBT)
Stapleton Braille Trail Near Chief Hosa & Backyard Feeder.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 43. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 1 mile by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, Ponderosa Pine woodland; elev. 7,200'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 73-85 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 128 Individuals.

June 13, Tuesday (SPP)
Chatfield State Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas; elev. 5,430'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny with some smoke from forest fire; wind SW, 0-7 mph; temp. 67-84 °F. **Totals:** 42 Species, 418 Individuals.

June 20, Tuesday (BLS)
Sedalia, Jarr Canyon to Indian Creek Campground.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, Ponderosa Pine, Aspen woodland, willow; elev. 7,600'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind SE, 0-5 mph; temp. 60-70 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 111 Individuals.

June 27, Tuesday (EST)
Estes Park, Rocky Mtn Nat'l Park, McGraw Ranch, Cow Creek Train & Prather Ashe Property.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0930-1230. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Spruce & Ponderosa woodlands/riparian, willow with some Aspen groves; elev. 7,756'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain; wind light breeze; temp 58-66 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 128 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

NEW MEMBERS

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

CONTRIBUTIONS

None this month

CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Hummingbirds of the Southwest, ID, Behavior, and Gardening". Visit a hummer garden!
Class, Thursday, July 27, 6:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
Garden visit, Sunday, July 30, 6 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
Fee required. Call Denver Museum of Natural History at 303-370-6303. Instructor, Tina Jones, 303-794-2647

Enjoy a hummer/songbird/butterfly garden!
Tina Jones is opening her yard for viewing from July 15 until October 1st. Her address is 4400 Bow Mar Drive, just southwest of Quincy and south Sheridan. Leave a message for Tina if you intend to visit at 303-794-2647. Park on Bow Mar (not in driveway), go to patio next to garage, read instructions and sign in. There are chairs in the backyard where you may sit quietly

and enjoy the show! Thanks to Tina for sharing her impressive wildlife habitat with us!

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 11/20-12/4/2000, and 2/26-3/12/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

SCHEDULING ERROR

The May edition of the Lark Bunting incorrectly listed the Saturday, June 24th field trip to Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass, and Milligan Lakes as a Sunday, June 18th trip. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused for trip participants and trip leaders, Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

Special thanks to Jackie King, one of our field trip schedulers, for revising the trip leader instruction sheet, and maintaining the files for future updates. Please note that a number of species have been relocated on the form. ***Trip leaders should use only the new revised form*** to maintain consistency. Thank you, leaders, for your assistance in using the new forms, and for leading our trips!

-Karleen Schofield, Scheduler Coordinator

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS				Total
	3 REY	4 CAC	7 APT	10 PAW	11 LON	17 ROM	18 MTE	24 HAC	25 BEL	6 SBT	13 CSP	20 SED	27 EST		
Pied-billed Grebe				2	14				4(1a,3i)					20	
Eared Grebe								18						18	
Western Grebe					8									8	
Clark's Grebe				1	30									31	
American White Pelican				4	17				2					23	
Double-crested Cormorant				5	7				1 (a)		8			21	
Great Blue Heron		1		2	4				1 (a)	2				10	
Great Egret					2									2	
Snowy Egret									1 (a)					1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				1										1	
Turkey Vulture	2	9			1	4		1		7	2	3	1	30	
Snow Goose				1										1	
Canada Goose				29	33	2		40	61 (14i)		5 (2a,3i)			170	
Wood Duck				2	2									4	
Gadwall				4	18				7					29	
Mallard		2		100	18	17		12	44 (13i)	1	5		3	202	
Blue-winged Teal				15	3									18	
Cinnamon Teal				20	6			5						31	
Northern Shoveler				40	1			4						45	
Northern Pintail				7										7	
Green-winged Teal				2		1		10						13	
Canvasback				1										1	
Redhead				50	21			10	4(1a,3i)					85	
Lesser Scaup								13						13	
Common Merganser						2					1			3	
Ruddy Duck				1	6			20						27	
Osprey					5(n,2i)									5	
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1		1	
Cooper's Hawk		1												1	
Swainson's Hawk		1		17 (n)	2						1			21	
Red-tailed Hawk	3	4	1	4	4			2		2	3	7	2	32	
western races	(3)		(1)	(3)				(2)						(9)	
"Krieger's" race				(1)										(1)	
Golden Eagle					4 (2i)									4	
American Kestrel		1	1	9	31						1	1		44	
Prairie Falcon						1								1	
Blue Grouse												2		2	
Virginia Rail					1 (h)				1					2	
Sora				2 (h)	1 (h)			1						4	
American Coot				10	39			5	12 (9i)					66	
Killdeer				30	7	4		5	8					54	
Black-necked Stilt				2										2	
American Avocet				18	1			3	8					30	
Spotted Sandpiper					1	1		2	2					6	
White-rumped Sandpiper				3										3	
Common Snipe					1			1						2	
Wilson's Phalarope				50				6						56	
Franklin's Gull				1										1	
Ring-billed Gull				22	1				1					24	
California Gull	1			1										2	
Forster's Tern				1										1	

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Rock Dove		9	15	50	9		4				1		3	91
Mourning Dove	1	32	12		8	2	2		14	1	2	5		79
Great Horned Owl				2							3 (1a,2i)			5
Common Nighthawk				16			1							17
Black Swift						4								4
White-throated Swift					60	2								62
Black-chinned Hummingbird										1				1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4	6	4		1 (h)	13	4	12		23	2	3	7	79
Belted Kingfisher					1				1					2
Lewis's Woodpecker					1									1
Red-headed Woodpecker				1										1
Williamson's Sapsucker						2						1	1	4
Red-naped Sapsucker						3		6						9
Downy Woodpecker			1		1	1					1 (f)			4
"Rocky Mountain" race					(1)									(1)
Hairy Woodpecker						1	1			2		1		5
"Rocky Mountain" race						(1)								(1)
Northern Flicker	1	2	1	3	4	3	1	8	9		7 (2n)		4	43
"Red-shafted" race		(2)	(1)			(3)		(8)	(9)					(23)
Olive-sided Flycatcher						1		4						5
Western Wood-Pewee		3	1	3 (n)	5 (n)	5	1	2			14 (1n)			34
Hammond's Flycatcher			2					1						3
Dusky Flycatcher	1							2						3
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1	5	1		3		3			4	3	1	2	23
Say's Phoebe				3		1								4
Western Kingbird			1	30	28									59
Eastern Kingbird				15	6						1			22
Loggerhead Shrike				3							1			4
Plumbeous Vireo		2	1									3		6
Warbling Vireo	3	4 (n)	9		1 (h)	4		9		8 (1n)	1	4	7	50
Gray Jay						1								1
Steller's Jay	2	2	8		1	5	1			5		3	1	28
Blue Jay				6	1			1						8
Western Scrub-Jay		2	1				3							6
Clark's Nutcracker						1							1	2
Black-billed Magpie		7	7	10	3	8	3	4	17		8		3	70
American Crow	2	2		4	1	4	14		6	4	1	21	13	72
Common Raven	1	4	2			1	3	3					2	16
Horned Lark		2		200				5						207
Tree Swallow	4	10				20	1	21					11	67
Violet-green Swallow	10	250(n)			12	35	10	2		16			5	340
Northern Rough-winged Swallow						10			5					15
Bank Swallow				2										2
Cliff Swallow		30	3	200	42	25		16	17		190			523

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Barn Swallow	6	5	1	100	26	18		2	15			1		174
Black-capped Chickadee		10 (y)	4		9				7		2	1	2	35
Mountain Chickadee	2	4	3			6	8	2		8		4	2	39
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1			4	2 (h)			3		1		11
White-breasted Nuthatch		3					2			2				7
Pygmy Nuthatch			4			5	6			1				16
Rock Wren		2								5				7
Canyon Wren		2												2
House Wren	2	12	3	10		4	5				33	2	4	75
Marsh Wren				30										30
American Dipper	4 (2yf)													4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						4		13		4			5	26
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		7					3							10
Western Bluebird		2				2								4
Mountain Bluebird	1	12				5	5	6					10	39
Townsend's Solitaire							6							6
Hermit Thrush							2 (h)	10		3		2		17
American Robin	22	20	11	25		22	4	11	16	5	8	4	6	154
Gray Catbird		2									2	1		5
Brown Thrasher				6										6
European Starling	6	2	1	100	53	1	1	8	22	2	13	1		210
Cedar Waxwing		2			17 (n)						1			20
Virginia's Warbler		5	2				7							14
Yellow Warbler	1	6		5	19	9		3	2		35		1	81
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1		1					2				5		9
"Audubon's" race	(1)		(1)					(2)				(4)		(8)
American Redstart											2 (m)			2
Ovenbird												3		3
MacGillivray's Warbler			1			2								3
Common Yellowthroat		1		2	8				1 (h)					12
Hooded Warbler					5									5
Wilson's Warbler								2						2
Yellow-breasted Chat		2	2		1 (h)						2			7
Western Tanager		5	4	1		2	2			3		2		19
Green-tailed Towhee	1		2				5						2	10
Spotted Towhee	2	18	17		1 (h)		3				1			42
Cassin's Sparrow				2										2
Chipping Sparrow	3				1	6	10					3	4	27
Brewer's Sparrow				3										3
Vesper Sparrow		15		2			4	6						27
Lark Sparrow				8								2		10
Lark Bunting				200										200
Savannah Sparrow				3		3		14						20
Grasshopper Sparrow				1										1

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Song Sparrow	5	2	3	1	7	2			4	1	4		6	35
Lincoln's Sparrow						9		2						11
White-crowned Sparrow						2		6						8
Dark lored races								(6)						(6)
"Gambel's" race						(2)								(2)
Dark-eyed Junco	1					3	5	9		5		7	4	34
"Gray-headed" race	(1)						(5)	(9)				(7)		(22)
McCown's Longspur				11										11
Chestnut-collared Longspur				7										7
Black-headed Grosbeak		2	1		1 (h)		6			1		5		16
Lazuli Bunting	4	6	6		1 (h)						1	2		20
Indigo Bunting		1												1
Bobolink		3												3
Red-winged Blackbird	1	8	2	1000	86			20	41		6	2	10	1176
Western Meadowlark		6	4	150	15				7		14	1		197
Yellow-headed Blackbird				200	51			1						252
Brewer's Blackbird	8	10			8			27						53
Common Grackle		5	5	50	15	11		1	53	2	5		1	148
Great-tailed Grackle				15										15
Brown-headed Cowbird		35	10	3	18		3		1	3	12		1	86
Orchard Oriole				1										1
Bullock's Oriole				4	3				4(2a,2i)		7	1		19
Pine Grosbeak								2						2
House Finch	4	4	8		6	4			8		2	2	2	40
Pine Siskin						15		28		4		3		50
Lesser Goldfinch	1	3	1		3						1			9
"Green-backed" race			(1)		(3)									(4)
"Black-backed" race	(1)										(1)			(2)
American Goldfinch		7	2	5	11	1					6	2		34
House Sparrow			2	100	9				45					156
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	111	621	172	3050	846	329	141	429	452	128	418	111	128	6,935
TOTAL SPECIES	33	59	44	78	72	55	35	54	36	29	42	36	32	158
OBSERVATION LEGEND:														
a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nestling, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated														

JUNE 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units						
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	158	6,935	13	175	72	392.5	44
DFO FIELD TRIPS	153	6,150	9	51	56.5	357.5	23.5
TUESDAY BIRDERS	72	785	4	124	15.5	35.0	20.5
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 0 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 1 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES:							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							

June Additional Reports

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Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Red-throated Loon	6/8		1 alt. adult	Ramah S.W.A	El Paso	BKP, SC
Green Heron	6/12	EOP	2 (NE)	Wray	Yuma	CLW
Green Heron	6/26	EOP	2 adult	Fl. Collins	Larimer	BKP, RK, m.ob.
Common Goldeneye	6/22		1 female	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	TL, CLW
Bufflehead	6/26	EOP	1	Strauss Cabin Lake	Larimer	CLW, BKP, JBa, m.ob.
Hooded Merganser	6/		1 female	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	CLW
Hooded Merganser	6/24		1 female	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	CLW, PL
Hooded Merganser	6/27	EOP	1 female	Strauss Cabin Lake	Larimer	BKP, CLW, JBa, m.ob.
Black-bellied Plover	6/4	6/8	2	Lake Meredith	Crowley	BKP, MH, SC
Black-necked Stilt	6/26	EOP	1	Strauss Cabin Lake	Larimer	BKP, RK, m.ob.
Ruddy Turnstone	6/8		1 alt. adult	Lake Meredith	Crowley	BKP, SC
White-rumped Sandpiper	BOP	6/8	up to 42 (6/3)	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Crowley	CLW, BKP, MJ, m.ob.
White-rumped Sandpiper	6/15		2	outside Cope	Yuma	CLW
Red-necked Phalarope	6/15		1	outside Cope	Yuma	CLW
Caspian Tern	6/26	EOP	up to 2 ad.	Strauss Cabin Lake	Larimer	BKP, RK, m.ob.
Least Tern	6/26	6/28	1 first summer	Strauss Cabin Lake	Larimer	BKP, RK, m.ob.
White-winged Dove	BOP	6/24	1 calling	Campo	Baca	CLW, PL
Inca Dove	BOP	6/23	up to 3	Rocky Ford	Crowley	BKP, SC, CLW, PL
Black Swift	6/18		1	Chatfield/Lockheed Martin	Jefferson	JK
Three-toed Woodpecker	6/29		1 female	Fall River Road, R.M.N.P.	Larimer	BKP, CLW, m.ob.
Alder Flycatcher	6/4		1 calling	Lake Henry	Crowley	BKP, MJ
Least Flycatcher	6/18		5	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	JK
Least Flycatcher	6/18		4	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	JK
Cordilleran Flycatcher	6/18		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	JK
Black Phoebe	BOP	6/24	up to 3	Burnt Mill Road	Pueblo	TL, CLW, PL, BKP, JB, TD m.ob.
Great Crested Flycatcher	6/12	6/22	6+	Bonny Reservoir area	Yuma	CLW
Bell's Vireo	6/12	EOP	33+	Black Wolf Creek	Yuma	CLW
Bell's Vireo	6/13		1 singing	White River, below Kainey Reservoir Dam	Rio Blanco	DF, RL
Winter Wren	6/30		2	Fall River Road, R.M.N.P.	Larimer	WR, SW, m.ob.
Northern Cardinal	BOP	6/22	5+	Wray and Black Wolf Creek	Yuma	CLW, TL
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6/15		1 singing male	Wray	Yuma	CLW
Dickcissel	6/26	EOP	up to 2	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	CLW, JBa, m.ob.
White-winged Crossbill	6/30		2	Fall River Road, R.M.N.P.	Larimer	WR, SW, m.ob.

Abbreviations: alt. = alternate (breeding) plumage, BOP = beginning of period, EOP = end of period (after June 30) NE = nest with eggs, R.M.N.P. = Rocky Mountain National Park, S.W.A. = State Wildlife Area

Observers: Jessie Barry (JBa), Jennie Brumfield (JBr), Sherry Capman (SC), Todd Dilley (TD), Doug Faulkner (DF), Mark Janos (MJ), Joey Kellner (JK), Rachel Kolokoff (RK), Paul Lehman (PL), Tony Leukering (TL), Rich Levad (RL), Brandon K. Percival (BKP), Will Russell (WR), Sophie Webb (SW), Christopher L. Wood (CLW). Listed observers only include people who submitted reports directly to the editor. Names of observers who did not send a report to the Lark Bunting are not included. m.ob is used for "many other observers."

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AUGUST FIELD TRIPS

August 5, Saturday

Boulder Mountain Parks (BOU)

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster, (303) 494-6708
Meet leaders at 0800 at the north parking lot of U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories, 325 Broadway. From U.S. 36, go west on Baseline Road to light at 27th Way. Turn left, continuing to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter Lab parking lot on right. Bring lunch and water for ¼ day trip. Short distance hiking on gentle slopes. Virginia's Warbler and vireos are possible.

August 6, Sunday

Lake Hutton, Wyoming (LHU)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644
Meet at 0700 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Bring lunch and be prepared for a long, adventurous day. Lake Hutton is a small, beautiful refuge south of Laramie. If time permits we will bird Lake Hattie Reservoir also. Four wheel drive or high clearance vehicles recommended. Call leader in advance to arrange a ride or for carpooling information.

August 12, Saturday

Parker Regional Park (PRP)

Leader: Dave Quesenberry, (303) 796-7603
Meet at 0800 in the PRP parking lot. From the intersection of Main St. and Hwy 83 in Parker, go south on Hwy 83 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. Half day trip, bring lunch. Good trip for new members and novice birders. Nesting species are numerous.

August 13, Sunday

Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOG)

Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661
Meet at 0630 at the Park 'n Ride at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd. south of W. 6th Ave. Bring lunch and water for a long day. Trip will involve two to three miles of walking on narrow dirt trails up to 9,400'. This trip is excellent for nesting foothills and mountain birds. Red-naped Sapsucker, Dusky Flycatcher and Virginia's Warbler are possible. State Parks Pass required.

August 19, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, (303) 659-8069
Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. Half day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Easy walking on flat trails. State Parks Pass required.

August 20, Sunday

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHG)

Leader: Diana Mullineaux, (303) 278-7245
Meet leader at 0800 at the Prospect Lake parking lot. The park is south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb Street. Half day trip, lunch optional. Bring drinking water. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

August 26, Saturday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Ed Holub, (303) 979-2194
Meet at 0630 at the fee station just inside the west entrance of the park. From C-470, take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles to entrance. Three quarter day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

August 27, Sunday

South Platte Park (SPP)

Leader: Doris Cruze, (303) 798-8072
Meet leader at 0730 at Carson Nature Center in the park one half block west from Mineral and Santa Fe Drive. Half day trip, lunch optional in a beautiful shady spot while watching birds. Walk on gentle trails. Good trip for new members and novice birders.

August trips compiled by Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 6

Program: "Birding In Australia"

Speaker: Bill Turner

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JULY 2000

July 1-3, Saturday - Monday (NPK)

**North Park, Including Walden, Arapahoe
NWR & Colorado State Forest**

Leader: Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Ellie Baker, Chuck Lowrie, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Shirley Spencer, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0900-2000 (Sat); 0600-2030 (Sun); 0700-1400 (Mon).

Habitat: Mountain, plains, reservoirs, lakes, riparian, streams, forests. **Weather:** Mostly clear with scattered clouds; wind mostly calm, on Sunday gusts to 30 mph; temp. 60-85 °F. **Totals:** 94 Species, 2,533 Individuals.

July 1, Saturday (GOG)

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: Paula Hansley. **Observers:** Peggy Hawkins, Jeannie Konicki, Les Konicki, Sue Schulman. **Time:** 0730 - 1400. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** elev. 8,500' - 9,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind W to E, 1-2 mph; temp. 50 - 75 °F. **Totals:** 47 Species, 132 Individuals.

July 2, Sunday (GMP)

Genesee Mountain Park

Leaders: Diana & Don Mullineaux.

Observers: Carol Blackard, Scott Blackard,

Mary Geder, Ann Somervill, Sally Thompson. **Time:** 0800 - 1200. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills Ponderosa forest; elev. 8,284'. **Weather:** Clear, calm; temp. 65 - 80 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 120 Individuals.

July 8, Saturday (CPN)

Castle Pines North

Leader: Bridget Milnes/Gail Evans. **Observers:** Carol Blackard, Scott Blackard, Abigail Evans, Libby Evans, David Gersten, Sue Schulman. **Time:** 1800-2100. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, oak, pine; elev. 6,000'. **Weather:** Clear, warm; wind S, 1 mph; temp. 65-80 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 156 Individuals.

July 9, Sunday (ROM)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Bob Righter. **Observers:** Ellie Baker, Becky Bowers, Bill Eeds, Warren Finch, Ivan Getting, Diana Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Chuck Lowrie, Dick Pratt, Sally Thompson, Amy Young. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Conifer, aspen, aquatic, meadow, shrub, hillside; elev. 8,000'. **Weather:** Partly overcast; wind N, 5-20 mph;

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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Norm Erthal, 303-424-6747

temp. 65 - 75 °F. Totals: 49 Species, 288
Individuals.

July 15, Saturday (FIL)

Fillius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes

Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Warren
Finch, Sonja Hahn, Chuck Lowrie, Jack
Reddall, Karleen Schofield, Chuck Walters, Bob
& Ru Wing. Time: 0800 - 1530. Distance: 45
miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat:
Foothills, sub-alpine, alpine, evergreen forests,
lakes and tundra; elev. 7,500' - 12,700'.

Weather: Clear to cloudy; wind Variable, 0-15
mph; temp. 60 - 75 °F. Totals: 45 Species, 158
Individuals.

July 16, Sunday (DCC)

Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch Open Space Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes. Observers: David Gersten
(VA), Karleen Schofield. Time: 0700-1445.

Distance: 41 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Habitat: Foothills, riparian, meadow, dry scrub,
mixed conifer; elev. 5,300 - 8,000'. Weather:

Partly cloudy to overcast; wind 0-5 mph; temp.
65 - 76 °F. Totals: 79 Species, 861 Individuals.

July 22, Saturday (LYO)

Lyons, Longmont, & Peaceful Valley

Leaders: Inez & Bill Prather. Observers:

George Armbrust, Maggie Boswell, Elaine

Coley, Joe Himmel, Susam Himmel, D.W.

King, Chuck Lowrie, Richard Mendez, Chris

Owens, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Ru

Wing, Amy Young, Eric Zorawowicz. Time:

0730 - 1600. Distance: 80 miles by car, 3 miles
on foot. Habitat: elev. 5,000'-9,000'.

Weather: Clear; wind calm, 0-1 mph; temp. 64
- 88 °F. Totals: 84 Species, 874 Individuals.

July 23, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Dave Quesenberry. Observers: Nancy

Quesenberry, Tim Amaral, Carol Blackard,

Scott Blackard, Beverlee Guild, Peggy

Fitzgerald, Dave Rhoades, Julie Griffin, Steve

Griffin. Time: 0800 - 1100. Distance: 1 mile
on foot. Habitat: Riparian, lake, fields; elev.

5,700'. Weather: Clear, hot; wind 0 mph;

temp. 80 - 97 °F. Totals: 48 Species, 576 Individuals.

July 29, Saturday (RER)

Red Rocks & Upper Bear Creek

Leader: Norm Lewis. Observers: Marilyn Brenenon, Mary Gedar, Beverlee Guild, Jack Hamilton, Jeff Nystuen (Seattle), Jack Reddall, Warren Roske, Anne Somerville. Time: 0700-1330. Distance: 18 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Foothills rocky outcrop & scrub, riparian woodland, coniferous woodland; Weather: Clear to partly cloudy; wind 0-20 mph; temp. 60-90 °F. Totals: 46 Species, 259 Individuals.

July 30, Sunday (PVR)

Pine Valley Ranch Park & Buffalo Creek

Leader: Ira Sanders. Observers: Tammy Ellsworth, Bob Frager, Mona Reed. Time: 0700-1700. Distance: 100 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. Habitat: Mountain meadow, mountain forest, burn area; elev. 05,900'. Weather: Clear; wind WNW, 0-12 mph; temp. 60-81 °F. Totals: 38 Species, 222 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

July 11, Tuesday (RPJ)

Reynolds Park Jeffco Open Space.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 27. Time: 0900-1200. Distance: 2 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, cottonwood, willow, Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir; elev. 6,000-7000'. Weather: Mostly sunny; wind calm; temp. 68-80 °F. Totals: 23 Species, 133 Individuals.

July 18, Tuesday (PVY)

Pine Valley Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park.

Leader(s): Alice Kruse & Else Van Erp. Observers: 13. Time: 0830-1200. Distance: 1.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian with lake, Ponderosa Pine, Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, grassy meadow; elev. 7,200'. Weather: Sunny; wind E, 0-5 mph; temp. 68-80 °F. Totals: 29 Species, 72 Individuals.

July 25, Tuesday (EVL)

Evergreen Lake, Mt. Evans Elk Mgmt Wildlife Area, Ground Hog Flats Grass Creek Trail.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 31. Time: 0830-1230. Distance: 16 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir, Spruce, Aspen; elev. 7040-8600'. Weather: Mostly sunny; wind calm; temp. 74-85 °F. Totals: 25 Species, 217 Individuals.

Mona Krebs (Compiler for Tuesday Birders)

NEW MEMBERS

None this month

CONTRIBUTIONS

None this month

CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Swainson's Hawk Migration, plus Songbirds Heading South and Prairie Ecology". Learn all about the history of Swainson's hawks. Field trip Sunday, Oct. 1, 9:30 AM- 6:00 PM. Fee and pre-registration required. Call Audubon at 303-973-9530, or Becky Beckers at 303-766-5266. Instructor, Tina Jones 303-794-2647.

Enjoy a hummer/songbird/butterfly garden! Tina Jones is opening her yard for viewing from July 15 until October 1st. Her address is 4400 Bow Mar Drive, just southwest of Quincy and south Sheridan. Leave a message for Tina if you intend to visit at 303-794-2647. Park on Bow Mar (not in driveway), go to patio next to garage, read instructions and sign in. There are chairs in the backyard where you may sit quietly and enjoy the show! Thanks to Tina for sharing her impressive wildlife habitat with us! Take advantage of this opportunity- this may be the last summer that Tina's yard will be available for viewing....and, during the last two weeks of July, there were 6-8 calliope hummers per day, including 2-3 adult males, so don't miss out!

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 11/20-12/4/2000, and 2/26-3/12/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

Special thanks to Jackie King, one of our field trip schedulers, for revising the trip leader instruction sheet, and maintaining the files for future updates. Please note that a number of species have been relocated on the form. *Trip leaders should use only the new revised form* to maintain consistency. Thank you, leaders, for your assistance in using the new forms, and for leading our trips!

-Karleen Schofield, Scheduler Coordinator

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									
	1-3 NPK	1 GOG	2 GMP	8 CPN	9 ROM	15 FIL	16 DCC	22 LYO	23 PRP	
Pied-billed Grebe	12 (6y)								1	
Eared Grebe	75 (2y)								6	
Western Grebe	48									
Clark's Grebe	4									
American White Pelican	57							80		
Double-crested Cormorant	32			1			4	1	10	
Great Blue Heron	1	1					1	20	2	
Great Egret								5		
Black-crowned Night-Heron	8						1	2	10	
Turkey Vulture	3	1	1		2	1	2	3		
Canada Goose	422(10y)								15	
Gadwall	39			1				1		
American Wigeon	38									
Mallard	34			8		2	8	10	20	
Blue-winged Teal	2							12		
Cinnamon Teal	1									
Northern Pintail	7									
Green-winged Teal	3									
Canvasback	9 (6y)									
Redhead	6									
Ring-necked Duck	12									
Lesser Scaup	5									
Common Merganser	4									
Ruddy Duck	7									
Northern Harrier	1			1						
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1						
Northern Goshawk					1	1				
Swainson's Hawk	4						1	1		
Red-tailed Hawk	1		1	2	1		4	2	3	
western races								(2)		
Golden Eagle	1									
American Kestrel				2			1	1		
Prairie Falcon					1					
Sage Grouse	11 (4y)									
American Coot	73								1	
Killdeer	13			2				8	40	
Black-necked Stilt	1									
American Avocet	15							1		
Lesser Yellowlegs	2									
Willet	3									
Spotted Sandpiper	4				3	2	1	6		
Stilt Sandpiper								5		
Common Snipe	10									
Wilson's Phalarope	5									
Franklin's Gull	51							5		
Ring-billed Gull	14							50	20	
California Gull	560							20		
Forster's Tern	6									
Rock Dove				6	1		20	2	30	1
Band-tailed Pigeon		2			1	11	3			
Mourning Dove	4	3		7			6	50	2	1
Great Horned Owl					1					
Short-eared Owl	2									
Common Nighthawk	7			5					1	
White-throated Swift							6	10		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	8	6	3	4	8	7	12	20	3	
Rufous Hummingbird						1	1			
Belted Kingfisher								1 (h)	1	
Lewis's Woodpecker								2		

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	1-3 NPK	1 GOG	2 GMP	8 CPH	9 ROM	15 FIL	16 DCC	22 LYO	23 PRP	29 RER	30 PVR	11 RPJ	18 PVY	25 EVL	
Williamson's Sapsucker	3		3		4										10
Red-naped Sapsucker	13	2 (1n)			20		5	1							41
Downy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race				1			3 (3)		2	2	1				9 (3)
Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race		4 (2y,1n)			1	1 (1)	3 (3)								9 (4)
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	7	3	1	3 (3)	6		5 (5)	3 (3)	10 (10)	7 (7)	3 (3)	1	1	6	56 (31)
Olive-sided Flycatcher					1			1							2
Western Wood-Pewee	1	2	3		3	2	8	2	10	1	14			1	47
Hammond's Flycatcher		1					2								3
Dusky Flycatcher	1	1					2	2							6
Cordilleran Flycatcher		2	2		1	9	20	6		2 (h)	4	4	3	3	56
Empidonax sp.					1			1		1					3
Say's Phoebe								1							1
Western Kingbird				2			1	2						1	6
Eastern Kingbird								1	5						6
Plumbeous Vireo						2	2				2	3			9
Warbling Vireo		6 (1n)					4					9		1	20
Gray Jay	1					3									4
Stellar's Jay		2			15	1	9	6		1 (h)	2	2			38
Blue Jay							1	1	2						4
Western Scrub-Jay				4			3	5	1	9					22
Clark's Nutcracker		1				5		10			4				20
Black-billed Magpie	4	2		10	15	1	10	1	5	11					59
American Crow	36	3	1		6	2	5		2	5		3	2	22	87
Common Raven	1	3			4	30	2	1		4	4		1		58
Horned Lark	209			2											211
Tree Swallow	23	6		11	6	3	6	4	2						61
Violet-green Swallow	13	4	8		30	1	250	30	2	30	10	8	2	3	391
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				2			10		40						52
Cliff Swallow	2			4	1		75	50	100	5				50	287
Barn Swallow	7	2		6	2		15	20	5	2	2			12	73
Black-capped Chickadee				4		1	8	4	6	8		7	2	1	41
Mountain Chickadee	1	5	2	1	6	1	3	20			20	9	1	8	77
Red-breasted Nuthatch		3	1		4	1	4	2			1	14	1		31
White-breasted Nuthatch			10	1	2	1	4			2	18	12	1		51
Pygmy Nuthatch		3	5		8	4	10	1 (h)			10	1	1	1	44
Brown Creeper	1				4		1	3			5	2		2	18
Rock Wren					2										2
Canyon Wren							2			2					4
House Wren		4	3	2	30	2	7	3	4	3	3	25		7	93
Marsh Wren	6														6
American Dipper	1														1
Golden-crowned Kinglet								4							4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	14	1			10	1	1	1 (h)					1	1	30
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher									1						1
Western Bluebird			5			3					8				16
Mountain Bluebird	9	3 (1n)	2	4	6	4	3	2							33
Townsend's Solitaire		1 (1n)	3		1						1				6
Hermit Thrush	4	1	2 (h)		3			1 (h)						1	12
American Robin	17	5	6	6	8	2	25	50	40	12	30	1	6	8	216
Gray Catbird							2	1		3	3		3		12

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IES	DFO FIELD TRIPS											TUES BIRDERS			TOTAL
	1-3	1	2	8	9	16	16	22	23	29	30	11	18	25	
LOCATION	NPK	GOG	GMP	CPN	ROM	FIL	DCC	LYO	PRP	RER	PVR	RPJ	PVY	EVL	
Thrasher	8														8
San Starling	6			4	2		10	20		6					48
San Pipit						6									6
Waxwing							4	4		15					23
Red-crowned Warbler									1						1
Red's Warbler		2					3			1		2			8
Warbler	57						5	8		6			4		80
Rumped Warbler	4	2	2		2		1	20			4		4		39
Audubon's race	(4)	(2)	(2)				(1)	(20)							(29)
Gray's Warbler	3	2					2				1				8
Common Yellowthroat	1 (h)							3	2						6
Red's Warbler	6							1							7
Red-breasted Chat							2	1(h)	2						5
Red Tanager		3	9		1	1	7	1		1 (f)	1	6	3		33
Red-tailed Towhee	1	2			6	2	2				3	7	6		29
Red Towhee			1 (h)	3			28	20		11 (3i)					63
Red Sparrow		3 (y)	3	8	15	1	30			1	18	1	1	11	92
Red's Sparrow	3														3
Red Sparrow			2	2	2										6
Sparrow	1							2	5	1					9
Red Sparrow	15	1					12								28
Red-topped Sparrow	1														1
Sparrow	2	3			1	1	6	5	10	8	3	1	1		41
Red's Sparrow	5	2			20	3	2	1							33
Red-crowned Sparrow	10			4	1	4									19
Red-colored races						(4)									(4)

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	1-3 NPK	1 GOG	2 GMP	8 CPN	9 ROM	15 FL	16 DCC	22 LYO	23 PRP	29 RER	30 PVR	11 RPJ	18 PVY	25 EVL		
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race	3 (3)	5 (1n) (6)	1 (1)		10 (10)	4 (4)	5 (5)	2 (2)			6 (6)	6	3			46 (37)
Black-headed Grosbeak		3		1		4	5	1		3	1		2 (n)			20
Blue Grosbeak							1	1 (h)								2
Lazuli Bunting							2	3		2						7
Indigo Bunting							1									1
Red-winged Blackbird	13	2		12			10	50	60		2			10		159
Western Meadowlark	7			4			5		1							17
Yellow-headed Blackbird	25							30	1							56
Brewer's Blackbird	319	1					1	1								322
Common Grackle	8			8			15	10	10							51
Brown-headed Cowbird	12	3	2	1	6	1	50	5	5	1 (l)						86
Orchard Oriole									14							14
Bullock's Oriole	1						6	2	10	2 (l)						21
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch						2										2
Pine Grosbeak						1										1
Cassin's Finch			2							1						3
House Finch	12		2			6	25	6	20	26						97
Red Crossbill		1	14			5		100					1			121
Pine Siskin	3	12	20		2	3	6	6		6	6		5			69
Lesser Goldfinch "Black-backed" race				4 (4)			25 (10)	10 (10)	8	8						55 (14)
American Goldfinch	7						6	1	25	6						45
Evening Grosbeak		1 (h)														1
House Sparrow	1			2	1	1	2	2						2		11
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2533	132	120	156	288	158	861	874	676	259	222	133	72	217		6,601
TOTAL SPECIES	94	47	38	40	49	45	79	84	48	46	38	23	29	25		154
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=males, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, * =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated												a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=males, f=female, h=heard only.			

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units							
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	154	6,601	14	161	99.5	342	28.5
DFO FIELD TRIPS	154	6,179	11	90	89.0	324.0	22.0
TUESDAY BIRDERS	45	422	3	71	10.5	18.0	6.5
IDENTIFIED FORMS: - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 1 RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 0							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							

July Additional Reports

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Red-throated Loon	7/13		1 basic	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Green Heron	7/16		1 ad.	Rocky Ford Sewer Ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Hooded Merganser	7/20		1m, 6f type	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones
Common Moorhen	7/13		1 calling	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival
Peregrine Falcon	7/28		1i	2mi North of Kersey	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Peregrine Falcon	7/30		1	County Road 3	Douglas	Bob Brown
Whimbrel	7/2		1	Pawnee National Grasslands	Weld	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Pomarine Jaeger	7/1	7/5	1 ad. light-morph	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	David Silverman, Dave Johnson, Brandon Percival, m.ob.
White-winged Dove	7/6		1	Salida	Chaffee	Norm Erthal
Calliope Hummingbird	7/6	7/31	up to 9 (m, f & i)	Bow Mar	Denver	Tina Jones
Calliope Hummingbird	7/10		1 male 1 female	Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Calliope Hummingbird	7/27	7/29	1m at feeder	Conifer	Jefferson	Al Koewing
Least Flycatcher	7/22		2a feeding 2juv.	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Bob Brown
Black Phoebe	7/8		1 ad.	Burnt Mill Road	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Rachel Kolokoff, Joe Fontaine
Eastern Phoebe	7/1		1s	Tamarack Ranch	Logan	Karleen Schofield, m.ob.

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding), m.ob. = Many Observers

Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next months Lark Bunting.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Sept. 2, Saturday

Red Rocks Park (RRP)

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, (303) 757-7000
Meet leader at 0730 at the Trading Post parking lot inside the park. Half day trip. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

Sept. 3, Sunday

Bluff Lake Park (BLP)

Leader: Dennis Downing, (303) 766-3661
Meet at 0800 at park entrance on Havana south of Smith Rd. (where Havana turns east) just outside former Stapleton east-west runway. This is a new Denver Natural Area. Half day trip. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

FALL COUNTS

Sept. 7-10, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday

Thursday, Sept. 7

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR)

Leaders: Tamie Bulow, (303) 462-1238 and Patty Echelmeyer, (303) 233-4947
Meet at 0700 just inside west gate of park near Cherry Creek High school. State Parks Pass required.

Sept. 9, Saturday

Waterton, downstream (WAT)

Leader: Hugh Kingery, (303) 814-2723
Meet leader at 0645 at Discovery Pavilion, left turn immediate after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough Rd. and before the CDOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon. Wear long pants due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy.

Sept. 9, Saturday

Lower Bear Creek (LBC)

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682
Meet at 0700 at northwest corner of Hampden and S. Sheridan Blvd. in front of Albertson's. Please call leader if you plan to go.

Sept. 9, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leader: Dick Schottler, (303) 278-8035

Meet at 0630 at the entrance station. This is a ten-mile, all day hike around the lake. State Parks Pass required.

Sept. 9, Saturday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Joey Kellner, (303) 978-1748
Meet leader at 0600 at west (Deer Creek) entrance to park. Parks Pass required.

Sept. 10, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park

(CAS)

Leader: Randy Lentz, (303) 680-3381
Meet leader at 0630 at old entrance. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown intersection, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd., go two miles to old entrance station. State Parks Pass required.

Sept. 10, Sunday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)

Leader: Urling Kingery, (303) 814-2723
Must register with leader in advance as number of observers is limited.

Sept. 10, Sunday

Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 278-1644
Meet at 0630 at intersection of Piccadilly Rd. and Bromley Lane. Count does not involve much walking and is good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

Sept. 16, Saturday

Prewitt Reservoir & Area (PRE)

Leader: John Vanderpoel, (303) 652-2731
Meet at 0630 at the Pepper Pod restaurant in Hudson, CO. Take Hudson exit off I-76 and turn right onto the frontage road. Carpool from restaurant. Full day trip, bring lunch and water. DOW day permits can be purchased at entrance

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS continued

Sept. 17, Sunday

Longmont Area (LON)

Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens,
(303) 772-6048

Meet at 0800 at Jim Hamm Nature Center.

From I-25, take exit 240. Go west four miles on
CO 119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd., then
two miles north to park on left. (Hygiene Rd. or
17th Ave.) Bring lunch and water. Will walk 1 -
1 1/2 miles.

September trip scheduler: Lynn Wilcockson,
(303) 757-7000

October trip scheduler: Patty Echelmeyer, (303)
233-4947

Sept. 23, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR (RMA)

Leader: Dave Rhoades, (303) 424-8633

Group limited to twelve people. Call leader to
register and for information. Lunch optional.

Sept. 24, Sunday

Northeast Colorado Reservoirs (NEC)

Leader: Joey Kellner, (303) 978-1748

Meet leader at 0530 in the parking lot of the
Division Of Wildlife at 6060 Broadway. Exit at
58th Ave. from I-25. Go west two blocks to
Broadway then north two blocks to DOW on
right. Full day trip, bring lunch and water.

Sept. 30, Saturday

Rigli Ranch (RIG)

Leader: Joe Rigli, 1-(970) 432-5200

Meet to carpool at 0700 in the east end of the
north parking lot at Denver Museum of Nature
and Science or join group at 0800 at Pepper
Pod Restaurant in Hudson. Take Hudson exit
off I-76 and turn right onto frontage road. Meet
leader at 0900 at ranch. From Hudson go east
on CO 52 for approximately 32 miles until it
turns north. DO NOT turn north but continue
east on Morgan County Rd. F to CR14. Turn
left (north) on CR14 and go about two miles to
the white house on the left where two boxcars
are visible. Full day trip, bring lunch.

Oct. 1, Sunday

Hutton Lake NWR (HUT)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at east end of north
parking lot at Denver Museum of Nature and
Science. Bring lunch and drinks for extra long
day. Four-wheel drive or high clearance vehicle
needed. Call leader for carpooling.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 4
Program: "Nebraska Sandhills: Sea of Grass"
Speaker: Steve Jones

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 303-424-2144
DFO Home Page: www.geocities.com/dfobirders

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY AUGUST 2000

August 5, Saturday (BMP)

Boulder Mountain Parks

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Jessica Boni, Lisa & Mary Burger, Ferd & Jo Dirckx, Don Hall, Warren Roske, Sue Schulman, Jeff Yegian. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Habitat:** Foothills meadows, Ponderosa woods. **Weather:** Sunny, warm; wind calm; temp. 75-85 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 195 Individuals.

August 6, Sunday (LHU)

Lake Hutton, Wyoming

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** David Laliberte, Richard Mendez, Dave O'Reilly, Chris Owens, Jack Whiting, Joan Whiting. **Time:** 0645-2000. **Distance:** 350 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains, mountains; elev. 5,280-8,000'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, dry; wind NW, 1-12 mph; temp. 75-80 °F. **Totals:** 91 Species, 1,014 Individuals.

August 12, Saturday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Dave Quesenberry. **Observers:** Eric Zorawowicz, Loch Kilpatrick, Diana

Mullineaux, Dennis Downing, Patty Echelmeyer, Buzz Schaumberg, Cliff Reed, Mona Reed. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, fields; elev. 5,700'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind 0 mph; temp. 75-78 °F. **Totals:** 48 Species, 733 Individuals.

August 13, Sunday (GOG)

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: Karleen Scofield. **Observers:** George Armbrust, John Austin (Washington, D.C.), Peggy Gonder, Rita Klees (Washington, D.C.), Sally Thompson. **Time:** 0630-1330. **Distance:** 50 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills to mountains; elev. 5,600-7,800'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind W, 0-3 mph; temp. 60-84 °F. **Totals:** 43 Species, 233 Individuals.

August 19, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Marilyn and Lee Rowe. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Dan Brachear, Peggy Fitzgerald, Peggy Gonder, Chuck Lowrie, Sig Nelson, Buzz Schaumberg. **Time:** 0800-1210. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 68-84 °F. **Totals:** 47 Species, 914 Individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT COORDINATOR

Norm Erthal, 303-424-6747

August 20, Sunday (WHG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Diana Mullineaux. Observers: Ann Frazier, Beverlee Guild, Carol Haskell, Judy Miller, Regina Reynolds. Time: 0800-1200.

Distance: 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot.

Habitat: Riparian; elev. 5,400'. Weather:

Sunny; wind calm; temp. 70-80 °F. Totals: 34

Species, 434 Individuals.

August 26, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Bob Bierling, Loch Kilpatrick, Bob Spencer, Eric

Zorawowicz. Time: 0700-1415. Distance: 16

miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. Habitat: Lake,

river riparian; elev. 5,600'. Weather: Clear to

partly cloudy; temp. 60-88 °F. Totals: 62

Species, 439 Individuals.

August 27, Sunday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Doris Cruze. Observers: George

Armbrust, Dennis Downing, Beverlee Guild,

Eleanor White. Time: 0800-1130. Distance: 0

miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. Habitat:

Streamside, lakes, grassland. Weather: Warm,

clear; wind S, SW, 6-12 mph; temp. 60-80 °F.

Totals: 31 Species, 225 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

August 1, Tuesday (MTE)

Mount Evans - Squaw Pass, Echo & Summit Lakes.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 24. Time: 0830-1300. Distance: 40 miles by car, 1 mile

on foot. Habitat: Tundra, lakes, Ponderosa,

Lodgepole & Bristlecone Pine, Aspen, some

riparian; elev. 9,000-12,930'. Weather: Mostly

sunny with smoke haze from forest fires; wind

variable, 5-30 mph; temp. 55-76 °F. Totals: 25

Species, 250 Individuals.

August 8, Tuesday (GGG)

Georgetown, Guanella Pass to Grant.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 16. Time:

0900-1330. Distance: 24 miles by car, 1 mile

on foot. Habitat: Lodgepole Pine, Aspen,

willow, tundra, riparian, Spruce & woodlands;
elev. 8,500-11,669'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly
cloudy; wind variable, 0-7 mph; temp. 65-74 °F.
Totals: 17 Species, 54 Individuals.

August 15, Tuesday (CON)

**Conifer, Kenosha Pass to High Creek Fen
Preserve & Buffalo Springs Campground.**

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 15. **Time:**
0930-1330. **Distance:** 143 miles by car, 2 miles
on foot. **Habitat:** South Park, short grass
prairie, fen, Ponderosa Pine, Aspen, open
meadows; elev. 9,400'. **Weather:** Partly sunny
to cloudy; wind N, 0-5 mph; temp. 70-80 °F.
Totals: 21 Species, 70 Individuals.

August 22, Tuesday (KEN)

**Kenosha Pass to Milligan Lakes and Indian
Head Development.**

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 13. **Time:**
0830-1330. **Distance:** 143 miles by car, 1 mile
on foot. **Habitat:** South Park, short grass
prairie, lakes, conifer, Aspen; elev. 9,400'.
Weather: Clear to cloudy, rain; wind variable,
0-7 mph; temp. 67-75 °F. **Totals:** 35 Species,
296 Individuals.

August 29, Tuesday (ALD)

**Alderfer Three Sisters Jeffco Open Space
Park.**

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:**
0930-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles
on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir,
Aspen woodland, grassy meadows; elev. 7,520-
7,800'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to cloudy;
wind E, 2-5 mph; temp. 70-75 °F. **Totals:** 26
Species, 122 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

NEW MEMBERS

None this month

CONTRIBUTIONS

None this month

CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Trinidad and Tobago". It is scheduled for April
22- May 2, 2001. Anyone interested can contact
Norm Erthal for details by phone, 303 424-
6747, email at normanpe@aol.com or by mail
after September 24: 7761 Everett Way Arvada,
CO 80005.

"Swainson's Hawk Migration, plus Songbirds
Heading South and Prairie Ecology". Learn all
about the history of Swainson's hawks. Field
trip Sunday, Oct. 1, 9:30 AM- 6:00 PM. Fee
and pre-registration required. Call Audubon at
303-973-9530, or Becky Beckers at 303-766-
5266. Instructor, Tina Jones 303-794-2647.

Enjoy a hummingbird/songbird/butterfly garden!
Tina Jones is opening her yard for viewing from
July 15 until October 1st. Her address is 4400
Bow Mar Drive, just southwest of Quincy and
south Sheridan. Leave a message for Tina if
you intend to visit at 303-794-2647. Park on
Bow Mar (not in driveway), go to patio next to
garage, read instructions and sign in. There are
chairs in the backyard where you may sit quietly
and enjoy the show! Thanks to Tina for sharing
her impressive wildlife habitat with us! Take
advantage of this opportunity- this may be the
last summer that Tina's yard will be available
for viewing....and, during the last two weeks of
July, there were 6-8 calliope hummers per day,
including 2-3 adult males, so don't miss out!

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms
are offering two more of their outstanding
excursions, 11/20-12/4/2000, and 2/26-
3/12/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking
participants. For information, contact Dieter
and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen
Schofield, 303-936-8661.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

Special thanks to Jackie King, one of our field
trip schedulers, for revising the trip leader
instruction sheet, and maintaining the files for
future updates. Please note that a number of
species have been relocated on the form. *Trip*

leaders should use only the new revised form to maintain consistency. Thank you, leaders, for your assistance in using the new forms, and for leading our trips!

-Karleen Schofield, Scheduler Coordinator

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	5 BOU	6 LHU	12 PRP	13 GOG	19 BAR	20 WHG	26 CHA	27 SPP	1 MTE	8 GGG	15 CON	22 KEN	29 ALD	
Pied-billed Grebe		6	1			3						4		14
Eared Grebe		7	2									3		12
Western Grebe		4			23		19							46
Clark's Grebe		2												2
American White Pelican		104			55									159
Double-crested Cormorant		16	10		19	12	10	20						87
American Bittern		1 (j)												1
Great Blue Heron		7	2		15	2	16	3						45
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1				1	2	1						5
White-faced Ibis		4			6							5		15
Turkey Vulture	1	8						2		5				16
Snow Goose		1												1
Canada Goose		85	15		116	220	6	8						450
Wood Duck								2						2
Gadwall		19										4		23
American Wigeon		4										10		14
Mallard		10	1		5	50	16	35		3		5		125
Blue-winged Teal		3			8									11
Northern Shoveler					8	2						5		15
Green-winged Teal		13 (9a, 4f)												13
Redhead		6												6
Ring-necked Duck		23												23
Common Merganser							23							23
Ruddy Duck		3										50		53
Bald Eagle					3									3
Northern Harrier		4										1		5
Cooper's Hawk								1						1
Swainson's Hawk		11	1		5			2			2	1		22
Red-tailed Hawk	1	3	3				1			1	1	9	2	21
Ferruginous Hawk		2 (1a, 1f)												2
buteo sp.										2				2
Golden Eagle		1 (i)		1 (a)										2
American Kestrel		6	2	2	5						2			17
Prairie Falcon		2										3		5
Virginia Rail		3												3
American Coot		50 (26a, 24y)			30	2	3					35		120
Killdeer		28	20		2		2	1						53
American Avocet		2												2
Greater Yellowlegs		8												8
Lesser Yellowlegs		4												4
Willet		1												1
Spotted Sandpiper						1	1	3				2		7
Long-billed Curlew					3									3
Baird's Sandpiper		30			26									56
Long-billed Dowitcher		10												10
Common Snipe		6									1			7
Wilson's Phalarope		15										3		18
Franklin's Gull					50									50
Ring-billed Gull		7	20		200	25	30	4						286
California Gull		7			6		7							20

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Black Tern		23												23
Rock Dove	1	38	30	4		4		10						87
Mourning Dove	2	17	10		9	10	10	5						63
Common Nighthawk		3												3
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	5	6 (f)		28	2	2	12	1	13			1	2	72
Rufous Hummingbird							1		2					3
hummingbird sp.										2			1	3
Belted Kingfisher						3	7	7						18
Williamson's Sapsucker									1 (l)		2			3
Red-naped Sapsucker										4				4
Downy Woodpecker	2		2		1	1								6
Hairy Woodpecker		1 (h)												1
Northern Flicker	5	2	10	1	2	6	18	4		3	1	3	2	57
"Red-shafted" race		(2)	(10)	(1)	(2)	(6)								(21)
Olive-sided Flycatcher							1							1
Western Wood-Pewee	2		15	5	3	2	6						1	38
Eastern Wood-pewee							1							1
Willow Flycatcher							3							3
Least Flycatcher							4							4
Dusky Flycatcher	1													1
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1			2										3
empidonax sp.					1		10							11
Say's Phoebe							1							1
Western Kingbird		9	6		10		3	1			3			32
Eastern Kingbird		1	2		20		1							24
Loggerhead Shrike					3									3
Plumbeous Vireo				2	1									3
Warbling Vireo		2			1 (s)		1							4
Red-eyed Vireo							1							1
Gray Jay									7	1				8
Steller's Jay	5	1		8					3	1	2	2	7	29
Blue Jay						2								2
Clark's Nutcracker		2		2					5					9
Black-billed Magpie	2	4	20		6	6	2						1	41
American Crow		10	1	2		2	4		6			6	4	35
Common Raven		9		2					23		6		2	42
Horned Lark		43									12	15		70
Tree Swallow							15	2	3					20
Violet-green Swallow	40	1	2	2					75	5			16	141
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			20											20
Bank Swallow		30										4		34
Cliff Swallow		1	100											101
Barn Swallow		43	50	2	25	10	8	7				1		146
swallow sp.											10			10

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE AUGUST 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	5 BOU	6 LHU	12 PRP	13 GOG	19 BAR	20 WHG	26 CHA	27 SPP	1 MTE	8 GGG	15 CON	22 KEN	29 ALD	
Black-capped Chickadee			6	3	8	6	30						1	54
Mountain Chickadee	6	10		2					10		2	2	10	42
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6	4		1		1			2				14	28
White-breasted Nuthatch	10			1		1	2		1				1	16
Pygmy Nuthatch	25				1				1				16	43
Brown Creeper										1			1	2
Rock Wren				2								1		3
House Wren		4	4	4			6		2			1		27
Marsh Wren		3												3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet									1					1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher							4							4
Western Bluebird				2										2
Mountain Bluebird	10	3		30						6	12	20	10	91
Hermit Thrush		1 (f)								1				2
American Robin	5	9	100	3		2	11	4	10	5		2		151
Gray Catbird				1			7							8
Sage Thrasher														13
European Starling		48	100	2	3	10	7	35				2		207
American Pipit				1					30					31
Cedar Waxwing			5	1			5							11
Orange-crowned Warbler					1		1						1	3
Yellow Warbler		4 (h)	8	1	3		15	2						33
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race	2	1 (f) (1)							6	1 (1)	1		4 (1f) (1)	15 (3)
Townsend's Warbler													1	1
American Redstart							7							7
Northern Waterthrush							1							1
MacGillivray's Warbler				1			1							2
Common Yellowthroat			2											2
Wilson's Warbler				1		1	1			1		1		5
Yellow-breasted Chat							2							2
Western Tanager	3			2 (f)		1							1 (f)	7
Green-tailed Towhee				4										4
Spotted Towhee			1	5			2							8
Chipping Sparrow	12	8	2	6			8	10	4	4	1	20	10	85
Clay-colored Sparrow			1											1
Brewer's Sparrow					2		5						1	8
Vesper Sparrow	6	12	3	8			6				1	8		44
Lark Sparrow	10	2	4				3	6			2		10	37
Lark Bunting			1											1
Savannah Sparrow											1	4		5

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	5	6	12	13	19	20	26	27	1	8	15	22	29	
	BOU	LHU	PRP	GOG	BAR	WHG	CHA	SPP	MTE	GGG	CON	KEN	ALD	
Song Sparrow			4				4	1	1					10
Lincoln's Sparrow											1			1
White-crowned Sparrow				1 (j)					7	6			1	15
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race	4	2 (1) (l)		1 (1)					8	2	2	3		22 (2)
McCown's Longspur		9												9
Chestnut-collared Longspur		4												4
Black-headed Grosbeak	1		1										1	3
Blue Grosbeak							1							1
Lazuli Bunting			1											1
Indigo Bunting				4 (2a,2i)										4
Red-winged Blackbird		37	60		200	3	1	15				25		341
Western Meadowlark		4	1	5			1				2			13
Yellow-headed Blackbird		13												13
Brewer's Blackbird		10										35		45
Common Grackle		2	10		4	12	20	3						51
Brown-headed Cowbird		6	4		3		2				3		1 (l)	19
Bullock's Oriole		1	8		2	3								14
House Finch	12	2	40	20	2	15	5	8						104
Red Crossbill		4							24					28
Pine Siskin	10	1 (h)		18			1		5					35
Lesser Goldfinch	3		2	35			24							64
American Goldfinch	2	7	20	5	1	12	11	10						68
House Sparrow		13			8	1		12						34
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	195	1014	733	233	914	434	439	225	250	54	70	296	122	4,979
TOTAL SPECIES	30	91	48	43	47	34	62	31	25	17	21	35	26	153
OBSERVATION LEGEND:														
a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare,unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated														

AUGUST 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units							
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	153	4,979	13	150	63	766	32
DFO FIELD TRIPS	144	4,187	8	58	42.5	416.0	16.0
TUESDAY BIRDERS	71	792	5	92	20.5	350.0	16.0
IDENTIFIED FORMS: - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 4 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 1							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							
Eastern Wood-pewee							

August Additional Reports						
Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Bufflehead	8/18		1f	Marston Reservoir	Denver	J.B. Hayes
Hooded Merganser	8/18		30 (including young)	Marston Reservoir	Denver	J.B. Hayes
Black-chinned Hummingbird	8/15 -	8/21	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Calliope Hummingbird	8/1	8/30	at least 6f	4401 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Nashville Warbler	8/28		1m	4402 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Black-throated Gray Warbler	8/31		1f	4403 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Black-and-white Warbler	8/13		1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Gene Rutherford
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	8/4		1f	4404 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Baltimore Oriole	8/28		1i,m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kollner
Cassin's Finch	8/13 -	8/31	12-15 in one flock on plains	4406 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. summer)
 Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next months Lark Bunting.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

October 1, Sunday

Hutton Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Wyoming (HUT)

Leader: Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science in City Park. Bring lunch and be prepared for a long and venturesome day. Hutton Lake is a small, beautiful refuge south of Laramie. Four-wheel drive or high-clearance vehicles recommended.

October 7, Saturday

Waterton Canyon area (WAT)

Leader: Sue Schulman, (303) 773-3540

Meet leader at 0730. From C470 take Wadsworth south past entrance to Chatfield State Park, to Waterton Canyon Road. Turn left, and then take the first left into the parking lot for the Discovery Pavilion. Gather at the stone house there. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 8, Sunday

Red Rocks and Lair O' The Bear Parks (RED)

Leaders: Ira Sanders and Tammy Ellsworth, (303) 278-7172

Meet leaders at 0800 at Park 'n Ride on east side of Union Blvd just south of W. 6th Ave. 3-4 miles of easy walking with foothills species. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 14, Saturday

Latham Reservoir and Weld County Ponds (LAT)

Leader: Bob Spencer, (303) 279-4682

Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science in City Park. Bring lunch. Full day searching for late migrants, etc.

October 15, Sunday

Parker Regional Park (PRP)

Leader: Loch Kilpatrick, (303) 975-1485

Meet leader at 0800 in Parker Regional Park's parking lot. From intersection of Main Street and Highway 83 in Parker go south on 83 1.2 miles and turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking on right. Half day trip - you'll be home in time for the Bronco game!

October 21, Saturday

Chatfield State Recreation Area (CHA)

Leader: Ed Holub, (303) 979-2194

Meet leader at 0730 at west entrance. From C470 take Wadsworth south 1.5 miles. Parks pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional. Always good birding!

October 22, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)

Leader: Ric Olson, (303) 790-7753

Meet leader at 0800 at old entrance to canyon. From Colorado Highway 86 go 0.5 miles west of Franktown intersection (Highway 83). Turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd. Go 2 miles to old entrance station. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks pass required.

October 28, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)

Leader: David Rhoades, (303) 424-8633

Participants limited. Call leader for details.

October 29, Sunday

Cherry Creek State Park (CCS)

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Leader: Mary C. Berger, (303) 771-3431

Meet leader at 0730 just inside west gate. Go east from S. Yosemite on Union, east of Cherry Creek High School. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks pass required.

October trips compiled by Patty Echelmeyer.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

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All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$25.00

_____ Student Membership 5.00 * (age 18 or younger)

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

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Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists

Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224-1249, 303-322-6589



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND NATURE, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 1

Program: " Oilbirds and Mixtecs: Birding in Trinidad & Tobago and Oaxaca, Mexico "

Speaker: Norm Erthal

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 303-424-2144

DFO Home Page: www.geocities.com/dfobirders

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 2000

September 7, Thursday (CCR)

Red Rocks Park

Leader: Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Patty Echelmeyer, Diana Mullineaux, Lynn Shanks, Liz Willcockson. **Time:** 0730-1200. **Distance:** 1 mile by car, 1.75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, ponderosa pine & open grasslands; elev. 6,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind W, 0-10 mph; temp. 55-75 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 145 Individuals.

September 3, Sunday (BLP)

Bluff Lake Park

Leader: Dennis Downing. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Peggy Gonder. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, grassland; elev. 5,380'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind E, 1-3 mph; temp. 62-75 °F. **Totals:** 30 Species, 362 Individuals.

September 16, Saturday (PRE)

Prewitt Reservoir & Area.

Leader: John Vanderpoel. **Time:** 0630-1530. **Weather:** Sunny; temp. 70-95 °F. **Totals:** 72 Species.

September 17, Sunday (LON)

Longmont Area

Leaders: Richard Mendez & Chris Owens. **Observers:** Joan Blumberg, Mart Blumberg, Chris Cooke, Terry Dwyer, Chuck Lowrie, Dick Pratt. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 46 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, lakes, riparian, fields; elev. 4,800'. **Weather:** Clear; wind variable, 0-3 mph; temp. 60-90 °F. **Totals:** 59 Species, 3,827 Individuals.

September 23, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Trip cancelled due to weather

September 24, Sunday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado Reservoirs

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Chris Cook, Randy Lentz, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Ru Wing. **Time:** 0810-1730. **Distance:** 195 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Weather:** Cloudy & snowy turning to partly cloudy in pm; wind N, 5-15 mph; temp. 30-43 °F. **Totals:** 72 Species, 5,977 Individuals.

September 30, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Data to be included next month

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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Norm Erthal, 303-424-6747

October 1, Sunday (HUT)

Hutton Lake NWR

Data to be included next month

DFO FALL COUNT FOR SEPTEMBER 2000

September 7, Thursday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Tamie Bulow. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Beverlee Guild. Time: 0645-1530.

Distance: 14 miles by car, 3 miles on foot.

Habitat: Riparian, grassland; elev. 5,280'.

Weather: Fair; wind W, 0-5 mph; temp. 55-85

°F. Totals: 52 Species, 1,021 Individuals.

September 9, Saturday (WAT)

Waterton, Downstream

Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Chris

Hudson, Jack Hummel, Josie Hummel,

Christiana Manville, Al Medina, Urling

Kingery. Time: 0630-1300. Habitat: Riparian,

foothills, plains; elev. 5,800'. Weather: Sunny;

temp. 62-85 °F. Totals: 75 Species, 1,143

Individuals.

September 9, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek

Leaders: Bob Spencer and Tamie Bulow.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Ruth Brecken,

Barbara Bridges, Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Evans,

Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Eleanor Walker.

Time: 0730-1500. Distance: 30 miles by car, 5

miles on foot. Habitat: Riparian, urban parks

and estates, reservoirs; elev. 5,300'. Weather:

Clear; wind calm. Totals: 69 Species, 1,391

Individuals.

September 9, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Warren

Finch, Steve Phillips, Dick Pratt. Time: 0630-

1530. Distance: 5 miles by car, 5 miles on foot.

Habitat: Reservoir, riparian. Weather: Clear;

wind W, 0-15 mph; temp. 55-84 °F. Totals: 67

Species, 3,758 Individuals.

September 9, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Randy Lentz, Lynn Solomon. **Time:** 0600-1800. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind SE, 5-7 mph; temp. 63-90 °F. **Totals:** 93 Species, 904 Individuals.

September 10, Sunday (CAS)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Randy Lentz. **Time:** 0600-1400. **Distance:** 17 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Totals:** 60 Species, 513 Individuals.

September 10, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Carolyn Cooley, Diana Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Hugh Kingery, Karen Von Saltza, Larry Wilson, Ronnie Wilson. **Time:** 0630-1730. **Weather:** Clear; temp. 65-89 °F. **Totals:** 85 Species, 2,339 Individuals.

September 10, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Lauren Chaffin, Yvonne Chaffin, Caryle Faust, Peggy Gonder, David Laliberte. **Time:** 0630-1630. **Distance:** 95 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Roadsides, fields-cultivated and natural, irrigation ditches, marshy areas, reservoirs; elev. 4,980-5,125'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clear; wind calm; temp. 58-89 °F. **Totals:** 67 Species, 2,116 Individuals.

September 12, Tuesday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park and Bird Banding Station.

Leaders: Ann Bonnell, Nelda Gamble, and Tony Leukering. **Observers:** 27. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, reservoir, cottonwood, willow, agriculture; elev. 5,100'. **Weather:** Clear; wind N, 0-5 mph; temp. 65-80 °F. **Totals:** 44 Species, 1,148 Individuals.

September 19, Tuesday (KEN)

Kenosha Park, Boreas Pass, Breckenridge.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 10. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 140 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Aspen, willow, alpine tundra, Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir, Lodgepole Pine, Blue Spruce, open parks, ponds & mountain lakes; elev. 9,603'-11,482'. **Weather:** wind variable, 3-10 mph; temp. 65-70 °F. **Totals:** 13 Species, 59 Individuals.

September 26, Tuesday (CON)

Conifer, Kenosha Pass to Colorado Trail-East Side.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 14. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, Ponderosa Pine, spruce, Douglas Fir, Aspen woodlands & grassy meadows; elev. 10,400. **Weather:** Clear; wind NW, 0-5 mph; temp. 45-65 °F. **Totals:** 15 Species, 81 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

DFO FIELD TRIPS - SUPPLEMENTAL

August 24 - September 2

Maritime Trip

Leaders: Bob Righter, Lindal Vidal. **Observers:** Fran Enright, Gail Evans, Joe Himmel, Sue Mozian, Jack Whiting, Joan Whiting. **Highlights:** To quote Bob Righter: "We destroyed the northeastern, western Atlantic seabird list with ticks in all the columns of the expected to see seabirds which included stunning looks at the Manx Shearwater, Greater Cormorant, Black-headed Gull, and a Razorbill with its young. Knee-quivering looks at a rare

TUESDAY BIRDERS

September 5, Tuesday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 18. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas; elev. 5,430'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind light breeze; temp. 71-88 °F. **Totals:** 47 Species, 342 Individuals.

five ton right whale only a few feet away, the spray from its spout fogged up our binocs. Was are also pleased to report that we greedily picked and devoured all of the juicy blackberries found on Grand Manan Island."

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

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THANKS

Many thanks and our appreciation go to Lynn Willcockson for his service as a DFO field trip scheduler for the past four years, a generous contribution of his time and talents. Lynn has served the club in numerous capacities over many years and is well known and respected by DFO members and birders throughout the state for his birding skills and knowledge. He finishes his volunteer duties after the December schedule.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULER NEEDED

With Lynn's resignation, a volunteer is needed to assume his duties, which consist of scheduling weekly DFO field trips and leaders for four months each year- March, June, September and December. Jackie King and Patty Echelmeyer have been faithfully scheduling the remaining months, with coordination assistance from Karleen Schofield. Our thanks also go to these generous and capable individuals.

The DFO is known for having one of the most active birding clubs in the country, giving members a choice of over 140 trips and counts each year, all of which are led by our many experienced club birders. Not only do members have the opportunity to improve their birding skills, but also valuable avian data are collected during these outings.

These field trips would not be available without the help of our scheduling staff! Please consider volunteering for a year or more. A thorough orientation is provided. If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Willcockson at 303-757-7000 or Karleen Schofield at 303-936-8661.

CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 11/20-12/4/2000, and 2/26-3/12/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking

participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

WANTED - DFO BIRDERS

to participate in the 47th annual Denver Christmas Bird Count. This year, the Count will be held on Saturday, December 16 so mark the date on your calendars, line up your friends to go birding with you, and plan on spending an enjoyable day in the field. Also plan to attend the short compilation meeting and social hour that evening. Details and the list of area leaders

will appear in the November issue of the Lark Bunting. We will probably need leaders for a few areas again this year. If you are willing to help out in this capacity, please contact me at (303) 278-8035. See you on December 16th.
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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE SEPTEMBER 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS				TUESDAY BIRDERS			
	2 RRP	3 BLP	17 LON	24 NEC	5 CHA	12 BAR	19 KEN	26 CON
Pied-billed Grebe			10					
Horned Grebe								
Eared Grebe			1	15				
Western Grebe			1031	55		51		
American White Pelican			1	1730		4		
Double-crested Cormorant			24	2	19	4		
Great Blue Heron		1	22	27	2	5		
Great Egret			23					
Snowy Egret		2	2					
Green Heron								
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1					
White-faced Ibis								
Turkey Vulture				1	1		2	
Canada Goose			60	18	32	500		
Gadwall			13			3		
American Wigeon			50	25				
Mallard		94	70	8	18	6		
Blue-winged Teal					18			
Cinnamon Teal								
teal sp.				21		20		
Northern Shoveler			50	1600		12		
Northern Pintail				11				
Green-winged Teal			19	60				
Redhead			10					
Ring-necked Duck			2					
Common Merganser					4			
Ruddy Duck			12	180		9		
Duck sp.								
Osprey					1			
Bald Eagle				2(1i, 1a)				
Northern Harrier			3	5(2m, 2i)				
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1	2 (1i)		1		
Cooper's Hawk						1		
accipiter sp.	1							
Swainson's Hawk		2	2	5		2		
Red-tailed Hawk		3	2	21	4	1	2	1
western races			(2)					
Ferruginous Hawk			2	5 (1 dark)				
Golden Eagle							1	
American Kestrel	2	4	4	3		2		
Merlin				1 (1m)				
Prairie Falcon								
Chukar								
Greater Prairie-Chicken				1				
Virginia Rail		1						
Sora								
American Coot		2	608	750				3
Black-bellied Plover				5				
Semipalmated Plover				1				
Killdeer		1	15	37	18	4		
Black-necked Stilt			1					
American Avocet				38				

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Greater Yellowlegs								
Lesser Yellowlegs								
Solitary Sandpiper		1						
Willet								
Spotted Sandpiper					3			
Sanderling				10				
Semipalmated Sandpiper				1				
Western Sandpiper			5			8		
Least Sandpiper				7				
Baird's Sandpiper				190	5			
Pectoral Sandpiper				26				
Stilt Sandpiper				84				
Long-billed Dowitcher				70				
Common Snipe								
Red-necked Phalarope				5 (basic plumage)				
Franklin's Gull		642		205		40		
Ring-billed Gull		211		90	50	250		
California Gull				16		2		
Herring Gull				1 (a)				
Sabine's Gull				1 (j)				
Forster's Tern								
Rock Dove	31	11	3	2	20			
Mourning Dove	1	20	7	34	6	7		
Great Horned Owl				2				
Burrowing Owl				3				
Long-eared Owl								
Common Nighthawk						1		
Common Poorwill								
White-throated Swift	11							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4							
hummingbird sp.					2			
Belted Kingfisher		3	1	1	3			
Lewis's Woodpecker								
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		1 (m)	1	1		
"Rocky Mountain" race	(1)							
Hairy Woodpecker								
Northern Flicker	1	4	2	12	11			
"Yellow-shafted" race				(1)				
"Red-shafted" race	(1)		(2)	(11)				
Olive-sided Flycatcher								
Western Wood-Pewee	1	4			6			
Willow Flycatcher						1 (b)		
"Western" Flycatcher						2 (1b)		
empidonax sp.	1							
Say's Phoebe	1							

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	2	3	17	24	5	12	19	26
	RRP	BLP	LON	NEC	CHA	BAR	KEN	CON
Western Kingbird		4	2		14			
Eastern Kingbird		1						
Loggerhead Shrike				1				
Yellow-throated Vireo								
Plumbeous Vireo								
Cassin's Vireo	1							
Blue-headed Vireo								
Warbling Vireo					1	1 (b)		
Gray Jay							9	9
Steller's Jay							2	
Blue Jay			2 (h)	30	1	5		
Western Scrub-Jay	9							
Pinyon Jay								
Clark's Nutcracker								6
Black-billed Magpie	3	9	5	4	3		6	1
American Crow		2			1		7	25
Common Raven	1						6	2
Horned Lark				4				
Tree Swallow								
Violet-green Swallow								
Cliff Swallow								
Barn Swallow	1	13	126	102	2	20		
Black-capped Chickadee	3	2	3	5	6	8		
Mountain Chickadee								12
Red-breasted Nuthatch								
White-breasted Nuthatch	1				4			2
Pygmy Nuthatch								
Brown Creeper					1	2 (1b)		
Rock Wren				1 (h)				
Canyon Wren	2							
House Wren	1					3 (1b)		
Marsh Wren								
American Dipper								
Golden-crowned Kinglet								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3				2			
Western Bluebird								
Mountain Bluebird							7	1
Townsend's Solitaire	2							2
Swinson's Thrush								
American Robin	21	80	3	72	5			2
Gray Catbird	2		2		1	2		
Sage Thrasher								
Brown Thrasher				2				

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	2 RRP	3 BLP	17 LON	24 NEC	5 CHA	12 BAR	19 KEN	26 CON
European Starling		75	90	4	8	8	7	
American Pipit				32				
Cedar Waxwing								
Orange-crowned Warbler						1 (1b)		
Virginia's Warbler	2							
Yellow Warbler			5					
Chestnut-sided Warbler								
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle" race "Audubon's" race			1	1		3 (1b,a)		1
Black-throated Gray Warbler								
Townsend's Warbler		1				13 (10b)		
American Redstart					3			
Northern Waterthrush								
MacGillivray's Warbler					2			
Common Yellowthroat			2	1				
Wilson's Warbler			12	1 (h)	20	84 (41b)		
Yellow-breasted Chat								
Western Tanager								
Green-tailed Towhee	2		1					
Spotted Towhee	8		1	5				
Cassin's Sparrow								
Chipping Sparrow	16	5	25	2				
Clay-colored Sparrow				2				
Brewer's Sparrow								
Field Sparrow				3				
Vesper Sparrow		1	11	133	1			
Lark Sparrow								
Lark Bunting								
Savannah Sparrow								
Song Sparrow				1	3			
Lincoln's Sparrow	1							
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race			1	1 (a) (1)	3			
Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon" race "Pink-sided" race "Gray-headed" race			2 (2)	3 (3)		1	7	9 (9)
Chestnut-collared Longspur								
Black-headed Grosbeak								
Blue Grosbeak								
Lazuli Bunting								
Indigo Bunting								
Red-winged Blackbird			240		4	6		
Western Meadowlark	1	4	2	149	4	2		

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	7 CCR	9 WAT	9 LBC	9 BAR	9 CHA	10 CAS	10 RMA	10 BLP	
Greater Yellowlegs				2	1				3
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	1		4			1	2	9
Solitary Sandpiper					1			3	5
Willet			1						1
Spotted Sandpiper	3		4	4	13		4		31
Sanderling			2		1				13
Semipalmated Sandpiper			2					30	33
Western Sandpiper			4						21
Least Sandpiper				3	4				14
Baird's Sandpiper				60				10	265
Pectoral Sandpiper									26
Stilt Sandpiper									84
Long-billed Dowitcher	2								72
Common Snipe					1				1
Red-necked Phalarope									5
Franklin's Gull			1	30	1			50	969
Ring-billed Gull	54		256	350	36		3	203	1503
California Gull	1	2	3	20	18				62
Herring Gull									1
Sabine's Gull									1
Forster's Tern				2	14				16
Rock Dove	2	5	43	1	3	5	39	4	169
Mourning Dove	12	3	24	27		3	294	73	511
Great Horned Owl				2	3	2	4		13
Burrowing Owl							5	8	16
Long-eared Owl							3		3
Common Nighthawk					1		22		24
Common Poorwill						1 (h)	1		2
White-throated Swift									11
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			1		4	2			11
hummingbird sp.									2
Belted Kingfisher	4	4	2	2	5	1	3		29
Lewis's Woodpecker						1			1
Downy Woodpecker	2	3	4	5	4	1	11		35
"Rocky Mountain" race									(1)
Hairy Woodpecker					1	1			2
Northern Flicker	5	19	29	5	8	6	17	1	120
"Yellow-shafted" race									(1)
"Red-shafted" race		(19)	(29)	(5)	(8)		(17)	(1)	(93)
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1						1
Western Wood-Pewee		32	8	13	37	1	13		115
Willow Flycatcher		1							2
"Western" Flycatcher									2
empidonax sp.		2		4	3		4		14
Say's Phoebe		1				1	1	2	6

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Pied-billed Grebe	1	1		5	3		31	4	55
Horned Grebe					1		7		8
Eared Grebe	1		2	8					27
Western Grebe	52		1	52	200		1	17	1460
American White Pelican			24	12					1771
Double-crested Cormorant	40	14	27	11	38		52	2	233
Great Blue Heron	6	11	13	16	12		7	9	131
Great Egret									23
Snowy Egret									4
Green Heron	1								1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	4		2				5		12
White-faced Ibis			1		9				10
Turkey Vulture			1			7			12
Canada Goose	103	6		2000	50		124	5	2898
Gadwall		1		1	1		11		30
American Wigeon					1		17		93
Mallard	21	29		500	19	2	524	48	1339
Blue-winged Teal								9	27
Cinnamon Teal							2	7	9
teal sp.	37						34		112
Northern Shoveler			8		3		17	2	1692
Northern Pintail							6		17
Green-winged Teal					9		9		97
Redhead			4	2			23		39
Ring-necked Duck							9		11
Common Merganser	1	4	15		10				34
Ruddy Duck				2	1		2	15	221
Duck sp.							40		40
Osprey		2			1				4
Bald Eagle				1			2 (1a,1i)		5
Northern Harrier		2			1		4	1	16
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2					2		8
Cooper's Hawk			1	1		1			4
accipiter sp.									1
Swainson's Hawk	2		2	6			10	17	48
Red-tailed Hawk	1	6	1	2	8	3	9	13	77
western races				(2)					(4)
Ferruginous Hawk									7
Golden Eagle		1							2
American Kestrel	1	3	3	5		3	10	6	46
Morlin								1	2
Prairie Falcon		1	1						2
Chukar								1	1
Greater Prairie-Chicken									1
Virginia Rail	2	1			6		3	3 (h)	16
Sora							1		1
American Coot	20		350	70	4		93	50	1950
Black-bellied Plover									5
Semipalmated Plover									1
Killdeer	18	3	11	18	10	2	35	73	245
Black-necked Stilt									1
American Avocet								1	39

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Greater Yellowlegs				2	1				3
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	1		4			1	2	9
Solitary Sandpiper					1			3	5
Willet			1						1
Spotted Sandpiper	3		4	4	13		4		31
Sanderling			2		1				13
Semipalmated Sandpiper			2					30	33
Western Sandpiper			4						21
Least Sandpiper				3	4				14
Baird's Sandpiper				60				10	265
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Stilt Sandpiper									84
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Common Snipe					1				1
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Great Horned Owl				2	3	2	4		13
Burrowing Owl							5	8	16
Long-eared Owl							3		3
Common Nighthawk					1		22		24
Common Poorwill						1 (h)	1		2
White-throated Swift									11
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			1		4	2			11
hummingbird sp.									2
Belted Kingfisher	4	4	2	2	5	1	3		29
Lewis's Woodpecker						1			1
Downy Woodpecker	2	3	4	5	4	1	11		35
"Rocky Mountain" race									(1)
Hairy Woodpecker					1	1			2
Northern Flicker	5	19	29	5	8	6	17	1	120
"Yellow-shafted" race									(1)
"Red-shafted" race		(19)	(29)	(5)	(8)		(17)	(1)	(93)
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1						1
Western Wood-Pewee		32	8	13	37	1	13		115
Willow Flycatcher		1							2
"Western" Flycatcher									2
empidonax sp.		2		4	3		4		14
Say's Phoebe		1				1	1	2	6

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	7	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	
	CCR	WAT	LBC	BAR	CHA	CAS	RMA	BLP	
Western Kingbird	5	10	4	1	18	4	43	10	115
Eastern Kingbird									1
Loggerhead Shrike							2		3
Yellow-throated Vireo					1				1
Plumbeous Vireo				1		2	1		4
Cassin's Vireo							1		2
Blue-headed Vireo								1	1
Warbling Vireo		2	4	2	3	1			14
Gray Jay									18
Steller's Jay		1			5	10			18
Blue Jay	1		8		1	1	7	4	60
Western Scrub-Jay		1				8			18
Pinyon Jay			6						6
Clark's Nutcracker									6
Black-billed Magpie	33	11	62	17	12	9	82	19	276
American Crow	9	19	21		11	1	1		97
Common Raven					1	2			13
Horned Lark					5			30	39
Tree Swallow		41							41
Violet-green Swallow		7			13				20
Cliff Swallow	1	2	1					1	5
Barn Swallow	365	74	24	200	48		21	316	1312
Black-capped Chickadee	22	24	23	22	13	11	20	1	163
Mountain Chickadee						13			25
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	7	2	3	15	1	1 (h)	30
White-breasted Nuthatch		3	15	1	4	12	4		46
Pygmy Nuthatch						8			8
Brown Creeper			1	1	3	1			9
Rock Wren		5	15	1	2	4	16	4	48
Canyon Wren						1 (h)			3
House Wren		6		5	5	5	12	1	38
Marsh Wren								1 (h)	1
American Dipper		1							1
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1		1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	1			1		4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				2	5	12			24
Western Bluebird						2			2
Mountain Bluebird									8
Townsend's Solitaire		1				1			6
Swainson's Thrush							1	1	2
American Robin	14	23	17	28	22	35	32	7	361
Gray Catbird		5			3				15
Sage Thrasher					2		1		3
Brown Thrasher							1		3

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	7 CCR	9 WAT	9 LBC	9 BAR	9 CHA	10 CAS	10 RMA	10 BLP	
European Starling	31	13	37	100	11	22	17	513	936
American Pipit								1	33
Cedar Waxwing		6			6				12
Orange-crowned Warbler				2					3
Virginia's Warbler	1								4
Yellow Warbler	1		6	1	2		2		21
Chestnut-sided Warbler				1					1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	9		1	13	1		3		33
"Myrtle" race	(2)								(2)
"Audubon's" race	(7)			(13)					(20)
Black-throated Gray Warbler					1				1
Townsend's Warbler			3	3	1	1	15	1	38
American Redstart		1			1	1			6
Northern Waterthrush		1			1				2
MacGillivray's Warbler					1				3
Common Yellowthroat		1	2	1	2		9	2	20
Wilson's Warbler	7	52	21	11	23	8	27	3	269
Yellow-breasted Chat					3				3
Western Tanager		1	6	1	4	2	6		20
Green-tailed Towhee	2	5	2		3	1	4		20
Spotted Towhee		2			3	19	1		39
Cassin's Sparrow		1							1
Chipping Sparrow	6	211		8	15	48	111	12	459
Clay-colored Sparrow								1	3
Brewer's Sparrow	12	38			2			6	58
Field Sparrow									3
Vesper Sparrow	5	247	26	2	6	126	160	51	769
Lark Sparrow	2	14	4		2		8		30
Lark Bunting		4				1	15	4	24
Savannah Sparrow		1	1				2		4
Song Sparrow		2	1	1	6	3	2	1	20
Lincoln's Sparrow		1	1	2	2				7
White-crowned Sparrow		6			1	1			13
"Gambel's" race									(1)
Dark-eyed Junco					3	2		2	29
"Oregon" race									(2)
"Pink-sided" race									(3)
"Gray-headed" race					(3)	(2)			(14)
Chestnut-collared Longspur								8	8
Black-headed Grosbeak		1	1		1	1	5		9
Blue Grosbeak							5	1	6
Lazuli Bunting		1				3			4
Indigo Bunting						1			1
Red-winged Blackbird		81	19	30	1		23	205	609
Western Meadowlark	6	6	1	6	4		22	16	223

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Yellow-headed Blackbird					1			12	16
Brewer's Blackbird	16	2	6		34		4		412
Common Grackle	28		35		25		38	3	144
Brown-headed Cowbird								4	5
Pine Grosbeak									2
House Finch	1	14	96	7		10	94	14	270
Red Crossbill									5
Pine Siskin					2	5			7
Lesser Goldfinch "Black-backed" race	2	16			8	45			91 (1)
American Goldfinch	23	11		16	2	12	3	2	74
House Sparrow	22	6	60	23				187	373
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1021	1143	1391	3758	904	513	2339	2116	25,126
TOTAL SPECIES	52	75	69	67	93	60	85	67	184
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, + =also in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated, b=seen at Bird Banding Station								

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units		SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS		184	25,126	17	135	113.25	571	31.75
DEO FIELD TRIPS		112	10,311	5	24	24.0	242.0	5.5
FALL BIRD COUNT		162	13,185	8	42	72.8	176.0	20.8
TUESDAY BIRDERS		80	1,630	4	69	16.5	153.0	5.5
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 0 UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 4 RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 2								
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)								
Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo								

September Additional Reports

NOTE: Mountain species were reported from MANY plains locations. Species included: Red-naped Sapsucker, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub Jay, Piñon Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Mountain Chickadee, all three Nuthatches, Brown Creeper, Cassin's Finch, Red Crossbill and Pine Siskin. The editor acknowledges these submissions and appreciates all the additional reports sent. Please understand that not all of these species can be included due to space and time concerns (yes, there were THAT many!) - jmk

Species	Date		Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
	From	To				
Common Loon	9/5		2bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
REDDISH EGRET	9/7	9/16	1 dark morph juv.	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Green Heron	9/9		1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Peregrine Falcon	9/17		1	Willow Creek Park in Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson
Peregrine Falcon	9/23		1a	Berthoud Pass	Summit/ Grand	Lynn Wilcockson
American Golden-Plover	9/8		1bas	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler
American Golden-Plover	9/17		1bas	Neesopah Res.	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Red Knot	9/4	9/7	2bas	Rocky Ford sewer ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Red Knot	9/8		2bas	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler
Red Knot	9/10	9/11	1bas	Road JJ east of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald, m.ob.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	9/17		1i	flooded field east of Hasty	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, m.ob.
Short-billed Dowitcher	9/11		1c	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
Great Black-backed Gull	9/11	9/29	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Sabine's Gulls	Many seen in numerous locations on the plains and along the Front					
Caspian Tern	9/11		1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Caspian Tern	9/28	9/30	1a	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Common Tern	Many seen in numerous locations on the plains and along the Front					
ARCTIC TERN	9/29		1a	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Least Tern	9/8		1-1st yr	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eurasian Collared-Dove	9/24		2	Holly	Prowers	Brandon Percival
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	9/10	9/17	2ma, 1mi, 1i	Rd. SS & 7	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald, Dick Schottler
Calliope Hummingbird	9/1	9/11	up to 2	4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE	9/24		1	Lamar C.C. grove	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Gray Flycatcher	9/10		1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Gray Flycatcher	9/17		1	Rd. SS & 7	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Eastern Phoebe	9/20		1	Lamar C.C. grove	Prowers	Brandon Percival
VERMILION FLYCATCHER	9/10		1i	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
PHILADELPHIA VIREO	9/10		1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival
PHILADELPHIA VIREO	9/17		1	Lamar C.C. grove	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Dave Leatherman, Ric Olson
PHILADELPHIA VIREO	9/24		1	Rd. SS & 7	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Gray-checked Thrush	9/11		1	Rd. JJ & 17.5	Bent	Brandon Percival
Blue-winged Warbler	9/13		1	Paulson's home at Road 7 and Road SS	Prowers	Mark Janos, Brandon Percival, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, mobs.
Nashville Warbler	9/13		1 western	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Nashville Warbler	9/17		1 eastern	Lamar C.C. grove	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Dave Leatherman, Ric Olson
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/13		1i	Road JJ between Rd 17 and 18	Bent	Duane Nelson, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Joey Kellner
Black-throated Gray Warbler	9/16	9/17	1i	Rd. SS & 7	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, m.ob.
Black-throated Green Warbler	9/17		1a	Willow Creek Park in Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, m.ob.
Black-throated Green Warbler	9/20		1i	Two Buttes Res.	Baca	Brandon Percival
Blackburnian Warbler	9/1	9/2	1	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Blackpoll Warbler	9/7	9/19	1	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Blackpoll Warbler	9/15		1	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Blackpoll Warbler	9/16		1	Rd. JJ & 17.5	Bent	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson
Prothonotary Warbler	9/11		1 fall m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

November 4, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, (303)659-8069

Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center at Barr Lake State Park. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

November 5, Sunday

South Platte Park (SPP)

Leader: Doris Cruze, (303)798-8072

Meet leader at 0830 in front of the Carson Nature Center. Hopefully will see migrant ducks and geese. You can visit the Carson Nature Center after the hike which will end at 11:30. Lunch is optional but the porch in front of the Center is beautiful. Dress for the weather. It is just west of Sante Fe on Mineral. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 11, Saturday

Cherry Creek Reservoir and Nearby Areas (CCR)

Leader: Bob Righter, (303)692-8529

Meet leader at 0800 just inside the west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from S. Yosemite St. on Union Ave. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

November 12, Sunday

Boulder area to include Baseline Reservoir and Walden Wildlife Area (BOU)

Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303)936-8661

Meet leader at 0800 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of N. Sheridan and W. 88th Ave. or join group at 0915 at Cottonwood Marsh at the Walden Wildlife Area. Three-quarter day trip. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 18, Saturday

Longmont Area (LON)

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, (303)772-6048

From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld Co. Line Rd., then 2 miles north to Jimm Hamm Park on left (Hygiene Rd. or 17th Ave.). From Jimm Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway. Meet leaders at the Safeway on the

southeast corner of 17th and Pace. Bring lunch and plan to bird until mid-afternoon.

November 19, Sunday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader: Joey Kellner, (303)978-1748

Meet leader at 0700 at the west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth Blvd., 1.5 miles south of C470. Full day trip. Bring lunch. Be prepared to walk about 2 1/2 miles. State Parks Pass required.

November 24-26, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Bonnie Reservoir (BON)

Leader: Jackie King, (303)287-1644

Meet leader 0700 at the Museum of Science and Nature. Bring lunches for three days and come prepared for camping or hoteling-it will depend on the weather. Please call leader if going. Bonnie is on the Kansas line and offers eastern migrant ducks and geese as well as a group of resident turkeys we can look for. We will return by mid-afternoon on Sunday.

November 25, Saturday

Lower South Platte River Ramblings (LSP)

Leader: Ed Holub, (303)979-2194

Meet leader at South Platte River Park at the Carson Nature Center at 0730. The Nature Center is just west of Sante Fe on Mineral. Bring lunch and come ready to look for birds on the lower part of the South Platte. Three-quarter day trip.

November 26, Sunday

Roxborough State Park (ROX)

Leaders: Robert and Lea Ann Brown, (303)791-6204

Meet leader at 0800 at the Roxborough Nature Center. Call leader or Roxborough State Park for directions. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

Scheduled by Jackie King, (303) 287-1644

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

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THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND NATURE, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 5

Program: "Falconry Past & Present"

Speakers: Pam Collins & Greg Burdick (Windsong Environmental Education Foundation)

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY OCTOBER 2000

September 30, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli. **Observer:** Anton Kalous.
Time: 0800-1400. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Farms, grasslands, riparian woodlands, ponds, fields, creeks, prairie; elev. 4,330'. **Weather:** Cool, calm, cloudy am; warm, calm, cloudy pm; wind NW, 0-5 mph; temp. 50-80 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 235 Individuals.

October 1, Sunday (HUT)

**Hutton Lake National Wildlife Refuge,
Wyoming**

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Randy Lentz, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman. **Time:** 0700-1830. **Distance:** 329 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains, foothills; elev. 5,280'-7,000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy then clear; wind NW, 10-35 mph; temp. 54-83 °F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 2,263 Individuals.

October 7, Saturday (WAT)

Waterton Canyon Area.

Leader: Sue Schulman. **Observer:** Chuck Lowrie. **Time:** 0730-1210. **Distance:** 0 miles

by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Woods, River, small pond; elev. 6,000'. **Weather:** Light fog to overcast; wind 0 mph; temp. 31-40 °F. **Totals:** 40 Species, 393 Individuals.

October 8, Sunday (RED)

Red Rocks and Lair O'The Bear Parks

Leaders: Ira Sanders and Tammy Ellsworth.
CANCELLED

October 14, Saturday (LAT)

Latham Reservoir and Weld County Parks

Leader: Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Beverly Guild, Chuck Lowrie, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Andrew Spencer. **Time:** 0900-1600. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, fields, lake; elev. 4,000'. **Weather:** Mostly clear; wind NE, 0-5 mph; temp. 45-70 °F. **Totals:** 63 Species, 2,072 Individuals.

October 15, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Loch Kilpatrick. **Observers:** Derek Hankins, Peggy Hankins, Kim Sawyer, Joan Whiting, Jack Whiting, Eric Zorawowics. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 3-4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Small lake, riparian along stream. **Weather:** Clear; wind N, 2-20 mph; temp. 35-

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303-322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT COORDINATOR

Norm Erthal, 303-424-6747

60 °F. Totals: 38 Species, 325 Individuals.

October 21, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Recreation Area

Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Gail Evans, Peggy Gonder, Beverley Guild, Peggy Hankins, Joey Kellner, Marion Kyle, Randy Lentz, Judy McNickle, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Frank Rathman, Marilyn Rathman, Andrew Spencer, Bob Spencer. Time: 0730-1430.

Distance: 16 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Habitat: Lake, river riparian; elev. 5,550'.

Weather: Clear and sunny; wind SW, 0-5 mph; temp. 35-74 °F. Totals: 62 Species, 1,171 Individuals.

October 22, Sunday (CAS)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Ric Olson. Observers: Joan Blumberg, Marty Blumberg, Cris Cook, Marie "Cici" Lee, Kim Sawyer. Time: 0815-0845.

Distance: .5 miles on foot. Habitat: Scrub oak - conifer transition; elev. 6,300'.

Weather: Rain, overcast; wind N, 0-15 mph; temp. 42 °F. Totals: 12 Species, 84 Individuals.

October 28, Saturday (BLP)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: David Rhoades. Observers: Peggy Fitzgerald, Grace Hahn, Sonja Hahn, Peggy Hankins, Marian Kyle, Judith McNickle, Dorothy Sutherlin, Jean Turbel. Time: 0800-1300. Distance: 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Habitat: Lake, prairie, woodlands; elev. 5,000'.

Weather: Cloudy; wind S, 4 mph; temp. 40 °F. Totals: 32 Species, 932 Individuals.

Note: Trip to Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) cancelled and replaced with Barr Lake trip.

October 29, Sunday (CCS)

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Mary Berger. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Beverley Guild, Lynne Jordan, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Debbie Seiden, Sue Schulman, Helen Standish. Time: 0730-1230.

Distance: 15 miles by car, 2 miles on foot.

Habitat: Riparian, grassland. Weather: Fair,

clear; wind NW, 0-10 mph; temp. 50-70 °F.
Totals: 38 Species, 868 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

October 3, Tuesday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt & One Backyard Feeder.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 40. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5,386'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy; wind W, 0-3 mph; temp. 60-75 °F. **Totals:** 33 Species, 679 Individuals.

October 10, Tuesday (GGC)
Golden Gate Canyon SP Visitor's Center, Crawford Gulch & Panorama Point.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, willow, ponds, meadows, Aspen, Ponderosa Pine, Blue Spruce; elev. 8,100-9,500'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind S, 0-5 mph; temp. 57-60 °F. **Totals:** 25 Species, 115 Individuals.

October 17, Tuesday (LOB)
Lair O'the Bear Jeffco Open Space Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 35. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot (3 groups). **Habitat:** Riparian, Cottonwood, Willow & some Ponderosa Pine & Blue Spruce; elev. 6,530'. **Weather:** wind SE, 0-7 mph; temp. 51-60 °F. **Totals:** 27 Species, 212 Individuals.

Note of Interest: In addition to counting birds, some of the group were privileged to observe the Division of Wildlife doing a fish census in which they stung the fish briefly in order to identify, weigh and measure them and then release them back into Bear Creek. They did approx. 600 feet of Bear Creek with the following fish count: Rainbow Trout 39, Brown Trout 121, Long-nosed Suckers 212, Long-nosed Dace 120, White Suckers 86.

October 24, Tuesday (WAT)
Waterton Canyon Parking Lot to Chatfield SP Kingfisher Bridge and Downstream.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 23. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas; elev. 5,600'. **Weather:** Foggy to partly cloudy; wind variable, 0-5 mph; temp. 47-60 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 162 Individuals.

October 31, Tuesday (BCP)
Bear Creek Lake Park.

Leader: Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open fields; elev. 5,800'. **Weather:** Overcast; wind NW, 0-10 mph; temp. 42 °F. **Totals:** 18 Species, 88 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

Corrections

October 2000 newsletter had incorrect day, date, and three-letter mnemonic for the Red Rocks Park trip led by Lynn Willcockson. It should have read September 2, Saturday (RRP) not September 7, Thursday (CCR).

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you
on field trips and at meetings soon!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Educational Endowment Fund and Rare Bird Alert

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Kim Sawyer

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULER ADDED

Dianna Johnston has volunteered to assume
field trip scheduling from Lynn Willcockson.
She will assume responsibility for arranging trip
leaders for March, June, September and
December. We would again like to thank Lynn
for doing a great job for DFO, and we

encourage anyone who is interested in leading a
trip during these months to contact Dianna.

Dianna and her husband Wayne live in
Longmont and have been DFO members for two
years. In addition to DFO, they also monitor
raptor nests for the Boulder Mountain Parks and
participate in winter raptor counts for the
Boulder County Nature Association. Dianna
and Wayne enjoy birding excursions, and
recently toured Australia.

We would like to welcome Dianna to the
scheduling group, and many thanks for offering
her time and assistance to this vital club
function!

CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

Lower Rio Grande Valley with Bob Righter.

Here comes another opportunity to join Bob on
one of his terrific birding trips! Travel with Bob
up the Rio Grande River in warm, sunny,
southern Texas, as you observe a dazzling array
of south Texas specialties! Call Bob Righter at
303-692-8529 for information. Participants in
the trip will be chosen by lottery, and all
expenses will be shared.

IN MEMORIAM

Hazel Kellogg, a long-time member of DFO,
passed away recently. Hazel, a retired teacher,
was a member from 1973 to 1995, and
continued actively birding well into her eighties.
She led trips for the club and was always glad to
arrange rides for those who needed them. She
will be remembered for her enthusiasm and
thoughtfulness, and was truly the type of person
who makes the DFO the great organization that
it is. She will be greatly missed by all who
knew her.

CBs AVAILABLE

DFO has CBs for use on club trips. Call Glenn
Hageman 303-322-6589 to make arrangements.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Denver Field Ornithologists has approximately \$1,000 to award to individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants. Guidelines for applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by Jan. 31. The application form is at the back of this issue.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board
4. Grant awards will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. The completed application form should be returned to the DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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October Additional Reports

Species	Date From	To	Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
Pacific Loon	10/7	10/28	1	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Common Loon	10/16	10/31	up to 7	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
RED-NECKED GREBE	10/5		1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
RED-NECKED GREBE	10/5	10/31	1 imm.	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Greater White-fronted Goose	10/15		1	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Greater White-fronted Goose	10/29		1 first winter	Utah Park in Aurora	Arapahoe	Dan Bridges
Barrow's Goldeneye	10/7		2m	Grand Co Rd 491	Grand	Tina Jones, Diane Sinhold
Peregrine Falcon	10/11		1a	1.5 miles east of Rd 17 on Rd JJ	Bent	Tina Jones
Sandhill Cranes	10/7	10/29	flocks in the 100's	many locations from the foothills to the plains	various counties	Andrew Spencer, Joey Kellner, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
American Golden-Plover	10/8		3	John Martin Res.	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbl
SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER	10/3	10/7	1 juv. (2nd CO record!)	John Martin Res.	Bent	Van Truan, m.ob.
Dunlin	10/22		1 basic ad.	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Van Truan
POMARINE JAEGER	10/7	10/31	1 dark-morph juv.	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
POMARINE JAEGER	10/8	10/13	1 light-morph adult	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
PARASITIC JAEGER	10/22		1 light-morph juv.	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
PARASITIC JAEGER	10/9	10/13	1 dark-morph juv.	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
PARASITIC JAEGER	10/12	10/13	1 light-morph adult	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joe Roiler, Joey Kellner, m.ob.
LAUGHING GULL	10/7		1 first-basic	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Thayer's Gull	10/7	10/31	up to 3 juv.	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Thayer's Gull	10/9	10/21	1-1st basic	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Tony Leukering, Doug Faulkner, m.ob.
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	10/5	10/6	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	10/14	10/31	1 basic ad.	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	10/15		1 first-basic	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL	10/5	10/31	1a basic	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Karleen Schofield
Sabine's Gull	10/1	10/18	3 juv.	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Bob & Lea Ann Brown, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Sabine's Gull	10/1		1 juv.	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
Sabine's Gull	10/1		1 juv.	Neenoshe Res.	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Stan Oswald
Sabine's Gull	10/2	10/10	up to 4 juv.	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Sabine's Gull	10/16		1 juv.	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Sabine's Gull	10/23		1 juv.	Pueblo Res.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black-legged Kittiwake	10/26	10/28	1a basic	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	J.B. Hayes, Joey Kellner, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
ARCTIC TERN	10/7	10/9	2 juv	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner, J.B. Hayes, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Caspian Tern	10/12		1a	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Tina Jones
Red-bellied Woodpecker	10/16		1 male	Rock Canyon in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	10/14	10/21	1 imm. male	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
WHITE-EYED VIREO	10/22	10/27	1imm	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer, Joey Kellner, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
PHILADELPHIA VIREO	10/1		1	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
PHILADELPHIA VIREO	10/8		1	Fort Lyon W.E.	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbl
Clark's Nutcracker	10/22		1	West of Crowley on CO96	CROWLEY	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Van Truan
Pygmy Nuthatch	10/22		1	Rocky Ford	OTERO	Brandon Percival
Winter Wren	10/22		1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Mark Janos

October reports, continued

Nashville Warbler	10/22 - 10/23	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer, Joey Kellner, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Northern Parula	10/5	1 first-fall male	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Parula	10/23 - 10/27	2	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Dick Schottler, Karleen Schofield, Joey Kellner, m.ob.
Cape May Warbler	10/22	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10/21 - 10/28	1m	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Ed Holub, Andrew Spencer, m.ob.
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10/27 - 10/28	1 male	Arkansas R. in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Jaeger
Black-throated Green Warbler	10/8	2	Lamar C.C.	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Black-throated Green Warbler	10/8	1	Rd. SS & 7	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi, m.ob.
Black-throated Green Warbler	10/21 - 10/23	1m	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Ed Holub, Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Townsend's Warbler	10/1 - 10/23	7	various locations in s.e. CO	various counties	Brandon Percival
Bay-breasted Warbler	10/22	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Andrew Spencer, Joey Kellner
Blackpoll Warbler	10/5	1	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	10/8	1 ad.	Rd. JJ & 16	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Ovenbird	10/8	1	Lamar C.C.	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Swamp Sparrow	10/21 - 10/29	1 ad 2	Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
White-throated Sparrow	10/21	1	Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
White-throated Sparrow	10/22	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW	10/10	1	Barr Lake	Adams	Lea Ann Brown

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next months Lark Bunting.

OCTOBER 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units		SPECIES		INDIVIDUALS		FIELD TRIPS		OBSERVERS		HOURS		MILES BY CAR		MILES on FOOT	
ALL FIELD TRIPS	134	9,599	14	209	68.1	445	29.5								
DFO FIELD TRIPS	119	8,343	9	59	48.1	410.0	19.0								
TUESDAY BIRDERS	70	1,256	5	150	20.0	35.0	10.5								
IDENTIFIED FORMS: 0 - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 4 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 4															
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)															
Rudy Turnstone, Great Black-backed Gull, White-eyed Vireo, Cape May Warbler															

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	30	1	7	14	15	21	22	28	29	3	10	17	24	31		
	RIG	HUT	WAT	LAT	PRP	CHA	CAS	BLP	CCS	WRG	GGC	LOB	WAT	BCP		
Common Loon		1													1	
Pied-billed Grebe		2	5		x	10				4					21	
Horned Grebe						5			2						7	
Western Grebe		8	65	2		450		30	160						715	
Clark's Grebe						6									6	
Grebe sp														3	3	
American White Pelican		1		193		2									196	
Double-crested Cormorant		12	3	55		125		2	140	14			1	1	353	
Great Blue Heron			1	3		1			2						7	
Black-crowned Night-Heron				1											1	
Snow Goose				1											1	
"White morph"				(1)											(1)	
Canada Goose		79	15	425	x	30		200	20	250				2	1021	
Wood Duck										1(f)					1	
Gadwall		30	3			15		30	12	3					93	
American Wigeon		440	30						20	6					496	
Mallard		2	2	1	x	6		210		70		11	5	1	308	
Blue-winged Teal				10		2									12	
Northern Shoveler				7		10		30	6						53	
Northern Pintail		3		1				40							44	
Green-winged Teal		11		15		24		20	130						200	
Canvasback								50							50	
Redhead		43													43	
Ring-necked Duck				8	x	1			30						39	
Lesser Scaup		6			x										6	
Bufflehead				3	x				2						5	
Common Merganser			3	4		8								25	40	
Ruddy Duck		350			x	45			6						401	
Osprey		1	2			3									6	
Bald Eagle				2											2	
Northern Harrier	1	6		3				2	1 (f)	1			1		15	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		3													3	
Cooper's Hawk		1										1			2	
Swainson's Hawk		4													4	
Red-tailed Hawk	2	8	2	10		3	1	1	3		1	1		5	37	
western races	(2)		(2)	(10)		(3)	(1)		(3)						(21)	
Ferruginous Hawk	2	2													4	
Rough-legged Hawk								1							1	
buteo sp.											1		2		3	
Golden Eagle		1												2	3	
American Kestrel	2	2	1	10	x	3		4	2		1			2	27	
Merlin				1											1	
Prairie Falcon	1	3		1											5	
Ring-necked Pheasant			1						2						3	
Wild Turkey				1											1	
Virginia Rail		1		42											43	
American Coot		3	2		x	55		32	60	72					224	
Killdeer	20			5	x	4			2						31	
American Avocet									13						13	
Greater Yellowlegs				9					1						10	
Ruddy Turnstone						1									1	
Peep sp			1												1	

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Long-billed Dowitcher				11					6						17	
Wilson's Phalarope		5													5	
Franklin's Gull			3	3				60	1						67	
Bonaparte's Gull						4									4	
Ring-billed Gull		48	18	337	x	130		30	75	35				2	675	
California Gull				1		6			6						13	
Herring Gull				1				1	10						15	
Thayer's Gull															1	
Great Black-backed Gull									1						1	
gull sp.													10		10	
Rock Dove		66	4	6	x	2				3	10				91	
Mourning Dove	6		36			3				2					47	
Great Horned Owl						2							1	3	6	
Belted Kingfisher			2	2	x	5		1	2	1		4	3	2	22	
Downy Woodpecker			2	2	x		1		2				2		9	
"RockyMountain" race			(2)	(2)			(1)								(5)	
Hairy Woodpecker	1					1					1				3	
"RockyMountain" race	(1)														(1)	
Northern Flicker	4	3	11	8	x	4	1	11	12	12	2	3	3	10	84	
"Yellow-shafted" race				(1)											(1)	
"Red-shafted" race	(4)	(3)		(7)		(4)	(1)	(11)							(30)	
empidonax sp.	1														1	
Say's Phoebe	1														1	
White-eyed Vireo													1		1	
Gray Jay											4				4	
Steller's Jay		2					6				9	12			29	
Blue Jay	2			4	x	2		4	2	3	1		1		19	
Western Scrub-Jay			1								1	1			3	
Clark's Nutcracker		12									1				13	
Black-billed Magpie	25	10	6	39	x	10	2	12	18	11	8	9	10	4	164	
American Crow		75	15	6	x	7			4	3	19	3	3	1	136	
Common Raven		5									4				9	
Horned Lark	10	300				1									311	
Barn Swallow	6														6	
Black-capped Chickadee			9	2	x	50	9	5	20	29	5	22	15	16	182	
Mountain Chickadee		2			x	2					13	5	1		23	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	3				2				1	6		1		14	
White-breasted Nuthatch		1	2		x	2				4		3	1		13	
Pygmy Nuthatch											2				2	
Brown Creeper					x	4	2	1		1			2	1	11	
Rock Wren	3														3	
Marsh Wren				1											1	
American Dipper			1									8	3		12	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				1		1					2				4	

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1	10	5			12	1			1	14	15		60	
Eastern Bluebird	30														30	
Western Bluebird												2			2	
Mountain Bluebird											4				4	
Townsend's Solitaire	1				x	1	15				1	15	2		35	
Hermit Thrush	1														1	
American Robin	5	1	16	10	x	12	40	35		33		32			184	
European Starling	15	575	35	605	x	10		12		5	6	6			1269	
American Pipit						35									35	
Cedar Waxwing													35		35	
Tennessee Warbler													1		1	
Orange-crowned Warbler						1				1			1		3	
Nashville Warbler													2		2	
Northern Parula													1 (f)		1	
Yellow Warbler			5												5	
Cape May Warbler													1		1	
Black-throated Blue Warbler						1							1		2	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		3	6	15		1				21		8	10		64	
"Myrtle" race						(1)				(1)		(2)			(4)	
"Audubon's" race			(6)	(15)						(20)		(6)	(10)		(57)	
Black-throated Green Warbler						1							2		3	
Townsend's Warbler			1							1					2	
Wilson's Warbler	8	1	3	1									1		14	
Green-tailed Towhee						1						2			3	
Spotted Towhee				1	x					1		1 (f)			3	
American Tree Sparrow						5			15			1	1		22	
Chipping Sparrow	4			3		4									11	
Vesper Sparrow	10			1		1									12	
Savannah Sparrow	1			1											2	
Fox Sparrow				1											1	
"Yukon" race				(1)											(1)	
Song Sparrow		1	2	4	x	2		16	10	4		2	2		43	
Lincoln's Sparrow				1											1	
Swamp Sparrow				1											1	
White-throated Sparrow				1											1	
White-crowned Sparrow	6	2	55	29	x	6		28		3		3	8	2	142	
"Gambel's" race	(6)				(x)										(6)	
Dark-eyed Junco	12	3		22	x	14	5	4			9	40	12	6	127	
"State-colored" race				(1)		(2)									(3)	
"Oregon" race							(4)	(2)			(1)				(7)	
"Pink-sided" race				(20)	(x)	(12)		(2)							(34)	
"Gray-headed" race							(1)								(1)	
Red-winged Blackbird		108		52	x	4		40	25	16	1				246	
Western Meadowlark	8	3	5	11	x	2		6					1		36	
Yellow-headed Blackbird					x										x	

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Brewer's Blackbird				8	x										8	
Common Grackle				5	x										5	
Brown-headed Cowbird				30											30	
House Finch			7	2	x			2	25	14	2	1			53	
Red Crossbill							1								1	
Pine Siskin					x										x	
American Goldfinch	5		2		x					4					18	
Evening Grosbeak												2 (m)			2	
House Sparrow	40	10		26	x			12	20	50					158	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	235	2263	393	2072	325	1171	84	932	868	679	115	212	162	88	9,599	
TOTAL SPECIES	32	50	40	63	38	62	12	32	38	33	25	27	36	18	134	
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare,unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated															

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS

December 2, Saturday

Wheatridge Greenbelt (WHG)

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, (303) 233-4947

Meet at 0830 at Prospect Lake parking lot.

(South of W. 44th Ave, just east of Robb St. in Wheatridge) Half day trip. Lunch optional.

December 3, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)

Leader: J.B. Hayes, (303) 798-9683

Meet at 0800 at new visitor center at east entrance to State Park, 5 miles south of Franktown on Colo. Hwy. 83. Half day trip. Two miles walking on moderate trails. State Parks Pass required.

December 9th and 10th, Saturday and Sunday

Christmas Count – pre-count trips to be designated areas, contact area leader.

December 16, Saturday

Denver Christmas Count

Contact Dick Schottler (303)278-8035 or see below

December 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, 2000 other

Christmas counts

January 1, 2001, Monday

Denver Urban Count

Contact Hugh Kingery (303)814-2723 or see below

47th DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2000

Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler (303-278-8035,
<birdshot@uswest.net>)

Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947), Tina Jones (303-794-2647)

Compilation meeting: 5:00pm at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

All DFO members are encouraged to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists and the National Audubon Society. To participate, call one of the Area Leaders listed below to assist in a particular area, or call the Count Leader if you would like to help in an area that still needs additional observers. As can be seen on the list, there are still a few areas that do not have leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out. If you would be willing to lead in one of these areas, please call the Count Leader as soon as possible. After a day in the field, all participants are invited to attend the short compilation meeting hosted again this year by Sandy and Scott Menough at Wild Birds Unlimited to warm up, chat with other birders, and find out how the count fared. It is a lot of fun.

Fees: Each observer must pay a \$5.00 fee to participate in the Denver CBC. This fee, required by National Audubon, is used to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all official CBC's in a special issue of American Birds. Participants should pay the \$5.00 fee to their Area Leader before taking part in the Count. Checks must be made payable to National Audubon Society, not to DFO.

Pre-counts: Area Leaders are encouraged to conduct pre-counts in their areas, particularly if unfamiliar with the area. Since days and times of pre-counts will vary, contact an Area Leader if you wish to assist on a pre-count in a particular area. There is no fee for participating in a pre-count.

Area locations and names and phone numbers of Area Leaders are listed below. Participants should contact Area Leaders for meeting times and places on Count day, Saturday, December 16.

47th DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2000

Area Number. Location.	Area Leader. Telephone Number.
1. Red Rocks Park.	Bob Brown. 303-791-6204.
2. Lower Bear Creek.	Tamie Bulow. 303-462-1238.
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park.	Kathy Hawkins. 303-969-8909.
3. Bow Mar/Marston.	(leader needed).
4A. Lower South Platte - East.	Ed Holub. 303-979-2194.
4B. Lower South Platte - West.	Warren Finch. 303-233-3372.
5. Highline Ditch.	Harold Oliver. 303-936-6902.
6. Plum Creek.	Norm Erthal. 303-424-6747.
7A. Middle South Platte - West.	Randy Lentz. 303-680-3381.
7B. Middle South Platte - East.	Hugh Kingery. 303-814-2723.
8. Chatfield State Park.	Joey Kellne. 303-978-1748.
9. Upper South Platte.	Carolyn Cooley. 303-798-9010.
10. Lower Deer Creek.	Lynn Willcockson. 303-757-7000.
11. Upper Deer Creek.	(leader needed).
12. Yegge Peak.	Ann Bonnell. 303-979-6211.
13. Doublehead Mountain.	(leader needed).
14. North Turkey Creek.	Dick Schottler. 303-278-8035.
15. Indian Hills.	Gene Rutherford. 303-984-5854.
16. Upper Bear Creek.	Dave Quesenberry. 720-344-9332.
17. Ken Caryl Ranch.	Toni Rautus. 303-422-7322.
18. Garrison Gate.	Chuck Aid. 303-329-0082.
19. Morrison/Willowbrook.	Jackie King. 303-287-1644.
20. Willow Creek.	Bob Frager. 303-795-2614.
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs.	Karleen Schofield. 303-936-8661.

January 1, 2000: URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT:

Platte River from North City limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mtn. Arsenal.
Start the New Year with a half day or whole day effort--a good way to start your 2000 Year List!

5:00 p.m. After the count, **Pot Luck** at Casey Davenport's, 415 South High (5 blocks west of University, about 2 blocks south of Alameda); please call Casey or Jeff (303-744-0613) so we can count you in on the chili pot, Urling's brownies, and Casey & Jeff's hospitality.

Count Leader, Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

Area	Location	Leader's Telephone	Leader(s)
1	South Platte (south)	303-936-6902	Betty & Harold Oliver
2	South Platte (north)	303-278-8035	Dick Schottler;
3	Rocky Mtn Arsenal	303-814-2723	Urling Kingery
4	Commerce City/Montbello	303-287-1644	Jackie King
5	Sand Creek/Tollgate Creek, Bluff L., & Aurora, Buckley Field	303-680-3381 303-699-1721	Randy Lentz Buzz Schaumberg
7	Cherry Creek Res.	303-798-9683	J. B. Hayes
8	Kent School, S/Hampden	303-757-7000	Lynn Willcockson
9	SE Denver, N/Hampden	303-771-8331	Walt Hackney
10	Cherry Creek, dam to Den. Country Club	303-422-3728	Paul Slingsby
11	Fairmont, Lowry Field	303-979-6211	Tuesday Birders
13	City Park/Park Hill	303-936-8661	Karleen Schofield
15	Wash Park/Denver Country Club; Cherry Creek to Confluence; DU; Greater Glendale	303-744-0613	Casey Davenport

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

I would like to volunteer for: ☐ Nominee for Officer or Director
☐ Field Trip Leader
☐ Other (State purpose) _____

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$25.00
_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)
_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert
_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists

Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224-1249, 303-322-6589



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND NATURE, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 5

Program: "Falconry Past & Present"

Speakers: Pam Collins & Greg Burdick (Windsong Environmental Education Foundation)

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations.

Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 303-424-2144

DFO Home Page: www.geocities.com/dfobirders

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2000

wind N, 5-15 mph; temp. 16 °F. **Totals:** 25
Species, 830 Individuals.

November 4, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Dan Brachear, John Flavin, John McDonald, Sig Nelson. **Time:** 0745-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Clear; wind Calm; temp. 28-60 °F. **Totals:** 43 Species, 1,569 Individuals.

November 5, Sunday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Leona Berger, Carolyn Cooley, Peggy Hankins, Chuck Lowrie, Laures Runnels. **Time:** 0800-1000. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Cloudy, then rain, turning to snow; temp. 35-45 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 429 Individuals.

November 11, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir and Nearby Areas

Leader: Bob Righter. **Observers:** Beverly Guild. **Time:** 0800-1030. **Distance:** 3 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Aquatic, fields; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Snowing, overcast;

November 12, Sunday (BOU)

Boulder area to include Baseline Reservoir and Walden Wildlife Area

Leader: Karleen Schofield.

TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

November 18, Saturday (LON)

Longmont Area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Carol Cogswell. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 36 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoirs & ponds, riparian areas, fields; elev. 4,900'. **Weather:** Cold, sunny to cool and clear; wind 0-5 mph; temp. 25-39 °F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 8,966 Individuals.

November 19, Sunday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Loch Kilpatrick, Randy Lentz, Joe Roller, Lynn Shanks, Andrew Spencer, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0700-1550. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear and sunny; wind NE, 0-10 mph; temp. 20-48 °F. **Totals:** 59 Species, 1,510 Individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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November 24-25, Friday-Saturday (BON)

Bonnie Reservoir

Leader: Jackie King. **Observers:** Diane Carter, Jeff Carter. **Time:** 1100-1800 (24th); 0800-1700 (25th). **Distance:** 504 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains, roadside; elev. 5,000'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy; wind NW, 0-25 mph; temp. 24-58 °F. **Totals:** 46 Species, 10,724 Individuals.

November 25, Saturday (LSP)

Lower South Platte River Ramblings

Leader: Ed Holub. **Observers:** Kay Alsum, Carolyn Cooley, Beverly Guild, Chuck Lowrie, Jack Reddall, Warren Roske, Buzz Schaumberg, Ann Thomas, Diana Wilson. **Time:** 0730-1330. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** River riparian, lake, gold course; elev. 5,400'. **Weather:** Sunny, cool; temp. 25-41 °F. **Totals:** 50 Species, 2,569 Individuals.

November 26, Sunday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Robert and Lea Ann Brown. **Observers:** Chuck Lowrie, Betty Marsland, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, scruboak, mixed riparian, open water; elev. 5,500-6,000'. **Weather:** Cool, overcast to partly cloudy; wind variable, 0-10 mph; temp. 32-40 °F. **Totals:** 35 Species, 283 Individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

November 7, Tuesday (MFP)

Mt. Falcon Jeffco Open Space Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 14. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, Ponderosa Pine, Juniper & open meadows with snow covered ground; elev. 7,750-7,859'. **Weather:** Clear; wind variable, 0-5 mph; temp. 24-40 °F. **Totals:** 13 Species, 91 Individuals.

November 14, Tuesday (CNP)

Chatfield Nature Preserve

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 20. **Time:** 0930-1100. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles

on foot (2 groups). **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, Juniper & open fields; elev. 5,500'. **Weather:** clear; wind calm; temp. 20-30 °F. **Totals:** 21 Species, 1,023 Individuals.

November 21, Tuesday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, Cottonwood, Willow & open grassy areas; elev. 5,430'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind calm; temp. 44-59 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 985 Individuals.

November 28, Tuesday (SPP)

South Platte Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 21. **Time:** 0000-0000. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5,600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind variable, 8-15 mph; temp. 31-35 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 1,059 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

NEW MEMBERS

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Welcome new members! We hope to see you on field trips and at meetings soon!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Educational Endowment Fund

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CLASSES, TRIPS and VIEWING

"Birding Hotspots of Costa Rica". The Kamms are offering two more of their outstanding excursions, 7/9-7/23/2001, and 11/19-12/3/2001. Trips are limited to ten non-smoking participants. For information, contact Dieter and Alicia Kamm, 520-452-8811, or Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

"Lower Rio Grande Valley" with Bob Righter, 2/23-2/28/2001. Please note that dates were omitted from last month's announcement of this exciting trip. Bob will be accepting names for a lottery drawing to fill the roster of birders, so get your name in the hat by calling him at 303-692-8529.

REMINDER

If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303-424-2144 for field trip information. Members are encouraged to routinely check the Bird Alert for last minute trip changes or cancellations. The DFO web site also carries complete field trip information.

GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Denver Field Ornithologists has approximately \$1,000 to award to individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants. Guidelines for applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by Jan. 31. The application form is at the back of this issue.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grant awards will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.

6. The completed application form should be returned to the DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE EDITORS

DEADLINE: First day of the month for all submissions. Email is preferred if possible.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY TABLE NOVEMBER 2000

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	4 BAR	5 SPP	11 CCR	18 LON	19 CHA	24-26 BON	25 LSP	26 ROX	7 MFP	14 CNP	21 CSP	28 SPP	
Pacific Loon					4						2		6
Common Loon					5								5
Pied-billed Grebe		2		3	7		6				3	4	25
Horned Grebe					4								4
Eared Grebe					3								3
Western Grebe	3		4		75							1	83
Clark's Grebe					1								1
American White Pelican	4			2									6
Double-crested Cormorant			15								2		17
Great Blue Heron	2	1		3	5		3			2	1	1	18
Greater White-fronted Goose				1									1
Snow Goose	10			2									12
"White morph"	(8)			(2)									(10)
"Blue morph"	(2)												(2)
Ross's Goose					2 (a,l)								2
Canada Goose	264	45	500	4441	250	1550	2000	45		350	600	700	10745
Wood Duck							4						4
Gadwall	20	120			3		25					26	194
American Wigeon	100	32		61	1 (m)	1000	15					6	1215
Mallard	200	64	8	2035	8	5000	25				27	38	7405
Northern Shoveler	140	23		2	1	100	50					15	331
Northern Pintail	50	2		7		1100	4						1163
Green-winged Teal			3		21		7					7	38
Canvasback		4			1 (m)	2							7
Redhead	5	15		26			8						54
Ring-necked Duck		44	1	69			15					1	130
Lesser Scaup	24				1	10	5						40
Bufflehead	10	9		4	4 (m)	200	30	1				20	278
Common Goldeneye	6	1	3	192	6		12	12			2	32	266
Hooded Merganser					1 (f)		14	1				26	42
Common Merganser			2	124	680	1	20	29			1 (f)	12	869
Red-breasted Merganser					8 (f)								8
Ruddy Duck	4			1			2						7
Bald Eagle	2			1	2 (a)	4					1 (i)	2 (m/l)	12
Northern Harrier	2		2	5	2 (i,a,m)	12	1				2 (m/f)		26
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1								1
Broad-winged Hawk					1 (i)								1
Swainson's Hawk		1											1
Red-tailed Hawk	3			17	17	14	7	3	1	2	6	4	74
western races							(7)						(7)
"Harlan's" race						(1)							(1)
Ferruginous Hawk				2		2							4
Rough-legged Hawk				3		9		3					15
buteo sp.		1											1
Golden Eagle				1				2					3
American Kestrel	5	1		1		13	1	2		2	2	2	29
Merlin				1		3	1						5
Prairie Falcon				3		2		1					6
Virginia Rail					4								4
American Coot	2	3		73	50		60	2			2	4	196
Black-bellied Plover	1												1
American Golden-Plover	1												1
Killdeer		2		4	3		4					5	18

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Long-billed Dowitcher			3										3
Common Snipe		2		4			2						8
Bonaparte's Gull	130												130
Ring-billed Gull	200	6	75	20	60	50	40	9			70	3	533
California Gull			20		1 (a)			1					22
Herring Gull			1		3						2 (a/i)		6
gull sp.										1		5	6
Rock Dove		7		122		36	4	7		10	34		220
Mourning Dove	6	1					2				1		10
Eastern Screech-Owl						1							1
Great Horned Owl					1				2		1		4
Belted Kingfisher	1	3	2	2	5		3				3	4	23
Red-bellied Woodpecker						2							2
Downy Woodpecker	1		2	3	2	2	1						11
"Rocky Mountain" race					(1) (m)								(1)
"eastern" race					(1) (f)								(1)
Hairy Woodpecker					1 (m)	1							2
Northern Flicker	4	1	6	9	12	27	8	5		16	8	6	102
"Yellow-shafted" race						(2)							(2)
"Red-shafted" race	(4)	(1)		(9)	(12)	(25)	(8)						(59)
Northern Shrike				1	1	1	3						6
Stellar's Jay								3	2				5
Blue Jay	1			7		4		7					19
Western Scrub-Jay								7					7
Black-billed Magpie	12	12	15	14	22	12	10	5	2	14	24	22	164
American Crow			1	529	50	29	10	16	16	150	30	5	836
Common Raven					1			4	3				8
Horned Lark			1	100	6	205							312
Black-capped Chickadee	8	2	3	5	16	8	11	12		2	10	16	93
Mountain Chickadee							1	3	16				20
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1		1	6				8
White-breasted Nuthatch					3		1		6				10
Pygmy Nuthatch									30				30
Brown Creeper	1				5		1	4 (h)	4				15
Canyon Wren								2 (h)					2
Marsh Wren					1								1
American Dipper				1	1								2
Eastern Bluebird						3							3
Western Bluebird						43							43
Mountain Bluebird						6							6
Townsend's Solitaire					2			5	3	3			13
American Robin		1		8	19	50	2	3	1				84
European Starling	1	15	100	750	15	250	35	30		58	100	12	1366
American Pipit												1	1
Cedar Waxwing						53							53

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Spotted Towhee					1			7					8
American Tree Sparrow	2		40	162		43	3	2		11	3	23	289
Chipping Sparrow	2												2
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow					12								12
Song Sparrow	12	5		12	5		3	1		12	2	4	56
Harris's Sparrow							1						1
White-crowned Sparrow	10		1				18						29
Dark-eyed Junco	2	4	20	21	10	100	30	15		48	20	10	310
"White-winged" race	(1)												(1)
"Slate-colored" race			(2)		(2)	(10)							(14)
"Oregon" race			(2)		(15)	(80)	5						(102)
"Pink-sided" race	(1)		(6)		(21)	(10)	25						(63)
"Gray-headed" race					(2)								(2)
McCown's Longspur						8							8
Black-headed Grosbeak										1			1
Red-winged Blackbird	300			34	20	450	20	8		300		26	1158
Western Meadowlark	2			11	8	13	1			11	2		48
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch								25					25
House Finch	2			33	12	6	20			24	24	13	134
Pine Siskin					5								5
American Goldfinch	6		2	4	10	37	5		1	3		1	69
House Sparrow	8			30		260	15					2	315
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1569	429	830	8966	1510	10724	2569	283	91	1023	985	1059	30,037
TOTAL SPECIES	43	29	25	50	59	46	50	35	13	21	29	34	105
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated												

NOVEMBER 2000 SUMMARIES & HIGHLIGHTS - ALL FIELD TRIPS

	NOTE: hours & mileage units equal total party units						
	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS	FIELD TRIPS	OBSERVERS	HOURS	MILES by CAR	MILES on FOOT
ALL FIELD TRIPS	105	30,037	12	123	60.05	601	28.25
DFO FIELD TRIPS	101	26,876	8	43	48.6	590.0	18.3
TUESDAY BIRDERS	51	3,155	4	80	11.5	11.0	10.0
IDENTIFIED FORMS: - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES: 2 - RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: 1							
HIGHLIGHTS OF RARE & UNUSUAL SPECIES: (see table for details)							
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow							

November Additional Reports

Species	Date From	To	Number Seen	Location	County	Observer(s)
RED-THROATED LOON	11/25		1i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Pacific Loon	11/8	11/23	3	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Joey Kellner
Pacific Loon	11/12		1	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Pacific Loon	11/24	11/29	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Red-necked Grebe	11/14	11/15	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Greater White-fronted Goose	11/28		1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
BLACK SCOTER	11/3		1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Surf Scoter	11/9		1m, 1f	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
White-winged Scoter	11/9		1i	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, J.B. Hayes
Long-tailed Duck	11/8		2i	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Long-tailed Duck	11/25		1i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/29		1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Thayer's Gull	11/25	11/30	1i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Lesser Black-backed Gull	11/12		2a	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Great Black-backed Gull	11/1	11/28	1a	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Collared-dove, Eurasian	11/24		4	Ovid Woods	Sedgwick	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Randy Lentz
Greater Roadrunner	11/25		1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Long-eared Owl	11/24		2	Jumbo Reservoir	Sedgwick	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Randy Lentz
Northern Saw-whet Owl	11/2		1	Conifer (specific location?)	Jefferson	Al Koewing
Winter Wren	11/30		1	Pueblo Nature Center	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Gray Catbird	11/6		1 late	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Swamp Sparrow	11/25		1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Cardinal	11/24		1m, 1f	Ovid Woods	Sedgwick	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Randy Lentz
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	11/10		5 rare on plains	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	11/11	11/12	up to 13	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (Hepburn's race)	11/11		1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	11/12		4i	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Pine Grosbeak	11/6	11/30	10+	Conifer (specific location?)	Jefferson	Al Koewing

a = adult, i = immature, m = male, f = female, s = singing, bas = Basic Plumage (i.e. winter), alt = Alternate Plumage (i.e. breeding)

Please Note: Additional reports must be reported to the "Additional Reports Editor" by the 1st of the following month for inclusion in the next

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

January 1, Monday

Denver Urban Count

Take part in the Urban Count. Dates in the November *Lark Bunting*.

January 6, Saturday

Cherry Creek State Park – Hunting with Birds of Prey (CCS)

Leaders: Greg Burdeck &/or Pam Collins (January speakers)

Meet at 0900 at south section of park. Enter from Arapahoe Rd or Jordan Rd. Turn at ranger residence road. Call Mary Burger for information (303) 771-3431. A different experience!

January 7, Sunday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leaders: Ira Sanders and Tammy Ellsworth, (303) 278-7172

Meet at 0800 at fee station just inside west entrance. From C470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles. Parks pass needed. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

January 13, Saturday

Platteville, Windsor & Loveland Areas (PWL)

Leader: Dick Pratt, (303) 651-6860

Meet at 0900 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Full day. Bring lunch. Wintering raptors and gulls featured.

January 14, Sunday

Big Dry Creek Open Space in Westminster (BDC)

Leaders: Norm Lewis and Debbie Westbrook, (303) 988-5544

Meet at 0900 at far west parking lot of Front Range Community College, on north side of 112th Ave. Approximately halfway between

Sheridan Blvd and Federal Blvd. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

January 20, Saturday

South Platte River at 88th Ave. (SPR)

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg, (303) 699-1721

Meet at 0800 at the parking lot, south of the bridge at E. 88th Ave and the Platte River (Colorado Blvd.). Half day trip. Up to two miles of easy walking. Ducks, Ducks, Ducks! (We hope!)

January 21, Sunday

Boulder (BOU)

Leader: Bob Jickling, (303) 499-4977

Meet at 0900 at Valmont Power Plant in Boulder. From U.S.36 take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Rd, then east 2 miles to 63rd St., then north 0.25 miles to entrance. Full day trip. Bring lunch!

January 27, Saturday

South Platte River from 64th Ave to 78th Ave and Riverside Cemetery (SRC)

Leaders: Francie Sperl, (303) 426-4267 and David Laliberte (303) 297-1390

Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Half day trip. A different area of the river.

January 28, Sunday

Northeast Colorado (NEC)

Leader: Jackie King (303) 287-1644

Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Full day trip. Bring lunch, snacks and water. State Parks Pass needed for Jackson & Prewitt reservoirs. Raptors!

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer (303) 233-4947

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Individual or organization to receive grant _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Description of Project:

What are the anticipated starting and completion dates?

Amount of funding requested:

Details of how funds will be used:

Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

Signature _____ Date _____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.

Return application form and any additional pages
to the current DFO President



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PAYABLE ON OR
BEFORE DECEMBER 31,
2000, EXCEPT FOR THOSE
MEMBERS WHO JOINED AFTER
SEPTEMBER 30, 2000.
PROMPT
PAYMENT
APPRECIATED
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

I would like to volunteer for: ☐ Nominee for Officer or Director
☐ Field Trip Leader
☐ Other (State purpose) _____

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW ☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$25.00
_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)
_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert
_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists

Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224-1249, 303-322-6589